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Last-ditch London talks to save bank

BCCI founders indicted by New York jury

By Neil Bennett in London and Susan Ellicott in New York

THE scandal over the Bank of Credit and Commerce International took a new turn last night when the bank and two of its founders were indicted by a New York grand jury on charges of defrauding depositors of at least $5 billion (£2.97 billion).

The beleaguered bank suffered a further blow as the Federal Reserve Board, the American banking regulator, announced that it was seeking to fine BCCI $200 million and to ban nine people linked to the bank from participating in the industry.

The news of the American indictment came as the Bank of England and the Abu Dhabi authorities took part in eleventh-hour talks to try to reach a deal to stop BCCI from going into liquidation. The future of the bank will be decided at a High Court hearing in London at 10.30am today.

The Bank of England and Touche Ross, BCCI's provisional liquidators, were negotiating in London last night with Simmons & Simmons, the City solicitors who are acting for Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, BCCI's main shareholder.

One source close to the negotiations said that the sheikh's advisers could still unveil a financial aid package in court for the bank's depositors and staff, which would block the Bank of England's winding-up petition. "Things are whizzing back and forwards at the moment," he said. "The outcome is still uncertain."

Touche Ross is prepared to oppose the Bank of England's liquidation petition if there is any chance that the sheikh will agree a partial rescue. The sheikh wants to adjourn the hearing for at least a month so that a possible revival of the bank can be planned.

Both sides agree that a winding-up order will effectively rule out the bank's survival. Touche Ross is expected to support any move that offers a better pay-out for the customers of the collapsed bank. The Bank of England will, however, resist any move to delay the liquidation unless the sheikh provides emergency financial support for the bank's depositors and staff. The Bank of England placed BCCI into provisional liquidation on July 5 after a report by Price Waterhouse, its auditors, disclosed a massive and systematic fraud operation.

In New York, Robert Morgenthau, the Manhattan district attorney who has been complaining for months about a lack of co-operation from the American justice department in his investigations into the bank, said that the indictment "spells out the largest bank fraud in world financial history".

The indictment charges Agha Hasan Abedi, the bank's Pakistani founder, and Swaleh Naqvi, of Abu Dhabi, its chief operating officer until last October, of leading an operation to defraud investors. Mr Morgenthau said BCCI falsified its records and operated as a corrupt criminal enterprise for 19 years, while the two men falsified bank records to conceal illegal money laundering and thefts amounting to more than $30 million.

"It knowingly allowed itself to launder illegal income of drug sellers and other criminals and it paid bribes and kickbacks to public officials," he said. Investigators have estimated that BCCI, based in Luxembourg, might have defrauded depositors of between $4 billion and $15 billion between 1972 and early this month.

A spokesman for Mr Morgenthau said that two Peruvian bankers had also been accused of taking $3 million bribes in the New York indictment. He said that Lionel Figueroa, the former president of the Central Bank of Peru, and Hector Neyra, a former general manager of the bank, were accused of taking bribes so that their bank would place deposits with BCCI.

The Federal Reserve said yesterday that it was referring the BCCI case to the justice department for possible criminal charges. The American central bank accused senior BCCI officials of breaching banking laws by secretly arranging to acquire shares in three banks illegally. The banks have been named as First American Bancshares, the parent company of Washington's largest bank, the National Bank of Georgia and Centrust Savings Bank of Miami, a savings and loan institution that has since collapsed. Federal Reserve said that BCCI had chosen a roundabout route because regulators had forbidden it to purchase a bank in the United States.

Mr Abedi, aged 68, and Mr Naqvi, aged 57, are two of the people with BCCI links that the Federal Reserve has sought to ban from American banking activity. The others are Ghaith Pharaon, a Saudi Arabian businessman; Hasan Mahmood Kazmi, listed by the Federal Reserve as a former senior officer of a firm controlled by BCCI; A.R. Khalil; Sayed Jawhary; Kamal Adham; Faisal Saud al-Fulaij; and Khusro Elley.

In a separate development, a former senior BCCI manager claimed last night that Abu Nidal, the Palestinian terrorist linked with 100 attacks against Western targets over the last 20 years, was escorted by police to Heathrow airport after reporting his briefcase stolen in 1985.

Ghassan Ahmed Qassem told the BBC's *Panorama* programme that he handled accounts for Abu Nidal and his terrorist organisation from 1981 and that by 1987 British Intelligence was aware of his connection with BCCI.

Mr Qassem said the terrorist leader's access to accounts and his power of attorney gave him access to about $80 million. One account was used to finance arms deals with British companies. One deal in 1985 was with Royal Ordnance to supply £1 million wirth of specialised riot control weapons.

Mr Qassem said that he was recruited to work with MI5 in 1987 to inform them of what he knew about Abu Nidal's BCCI accounts in London.

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Tin din: a tenth wedding anniversary flypast for the Princess at RAF Cranwell yesterday

Yeltsin to join Bush in summit talks

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

PRESIDENT Gorbachev, in an apparent attempt to show the Soviet Union as a potential "Union of Sovereign States", yesterday announced that Boris Yeltsin, the newly elected president of the Russian Federation, and Nursultan Nazarbayev, the president of the Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan, would take part in this week's summit with President Bush.

The official Soviet spokesman, Vitali Ignatenko, emphasised that the two leaders would take part "on an equal and full basis". However, there was some doubt about whether Mr Yeltsin would attend.

President Bush arrived in the Soviet capital late last night for what was being billed on the Soviet side as the "first post-Cold War summit" but could also be the last of the traditional superpower summits. Leaving Washington, Mr Bush described the main task of his trip as being the charting of "a course for our relationship in the 1990s at a time when the Soviet Union is undergoing an incredible economic and political transformation".

He will follow his Moscow meetings with the first official visit by an American leader to the Ukraine.

Mr Yeltsin, who has a one-to-one meeting with President Bush this afternoon, responded vaguely to a request for confirmation that he had been invited to the Gorbachev-Bush talks, leaving reporters in doubt whether he would attend. Yesterday, Mr Yeltsin signed a bilateral treaty between Russia and Lithuania, recognising the Baltic republic's independence and the illegality of its annexation by Moscow.

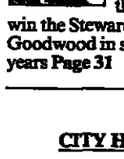
He also insisted that he would not suspend his decree banning political parties, including the Communist party, from organising in workplaces in government offices. He served warning that any move by President Gorbachev to annul it would "end the period of agreement

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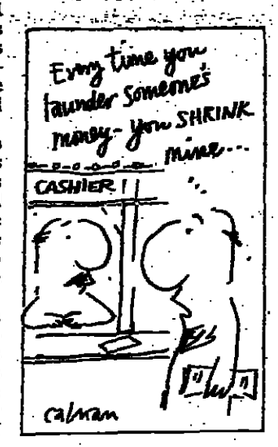
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Hope of revival is played down

By Philip Webster

HOPES that BCCI might be reconstructed were played down by the government yesterday as MPs stepped up pressure for a delay in the bank's liquidation.

A letter from John Major to Keith Vaz, Labour MP for Leicester East, in which he said that a winding-up order would not preclude a subsequent reconstruction made some MPs optimistic that the government might intervene to support proposals for the bank to re-emerge. The prime minister said that the winding-up order was necessary to trigger provisions of the deposit protection fund (DPF), which would resolve the position for many depositors.

"If this is granted," Mr Major said, "it does not preclude a subsequent reconstruction of the group. This would have to take account of the interests of UK depositors, creditors and employees. Responsibility for taking this forward lies with the High Court, the liquidators, the creditors and the DPF."

Mr Major emphasised that the decision would have to be made by the Bank of England.

Kinnock will not address TUC

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

NEIL Kinnock will not address the annual conference of the Trade Union Congress to be held in Glasgow in September.

His non-appearance, in keeping with the recent pattern of the Labour leader addressing the conference once every two years, comes amid Conservative attacks on Labour's links with the unions.

Labour and TUC officials said yesterday that Mr Kinnock's absence was normal practice. Labour officials rejected suggestions that an appearance by Mr Kinnock at the Congress might damage Labour's electoral chances in the face of the Conservatives' attacks.

Senior TUC figures had told Mr Kinnock and his advisers that the Labour leader would be welcome at this year's TUC conference — the last before the next general election — even though a speech from him would break with the once-every-two-years pattern. Mr Kinnock spoke to the TUC in Blackpool last year.

He has not received a formal invitation to speak from the TUC. It has been made clear to the TUC that a formal invitation would not be accepted, though Mr Kinnock will go to Glasgow to attend a private dinner for members of the TUC's governing general council.

Some Labour figures said that Mr Kinnock would not risk speaking to the TUC because of the political advantage they believe he gave to the Tories earlier this month when he addressed the biennial conference of Labour's biggest union, the TGWU transport workers. Mr Kinnock's office dismissed this as "absolute rubbish".

Royals go back to their roots

By Alan Hamilton

TREES set the tone of the tenth wedding anniversary yesterday of the Prince and Princess of Wales. While the Princess planted one, a military band turned to the sheet music of *Paint Your Wagon* to play *I Talk To The Trees*, which is what the tabloid press believes her husband does for much of the time.

The Princess spent part of yesterday reviewing a parade of graduating young officers and watching a flypast at RAF Cranwell, Lincolnshire, where the Prince earned his wings 20 years ago. She later joined her husband and their two children at Highgrove, their Gloucestershire home, for a private family anniversary dinner.

The couple will appear together tonight at Hyde Park for an open-air concert by Luciano Pavarotti.

The coded message appearing on page one

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

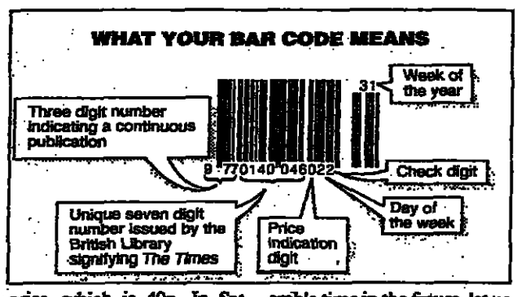
YESTERDAY *The Times* joined thousands of other consumer products in carrying a bar code, placed as discreetly as possible below this paragraph. The code enables check-out machines in supermarkets and petrol stations, where an increasing number of copies are sold, to register the sale automatically.

Bar codes have been printed on tabloid newspapers for some time, but *The Times* is the first quality daily to adopt the practice. The code can be deciphered quite easily. Each normal digit is represented by two bars and two spaces. The check-out machine reads only the bars. The digits are there in case the machine does not work; then they can be typed in manually.

Reading from left to right, the first three digits, 977, indicate that *The Times* is a publication that appears regularly, in this case daily, rather than once as in the case of books. The three digits are selected arbitrarily; there is no significance to them.

The next seven digits, 0140046, are a unique code, issued by the British Library, which indicates that the publication is *The Times*. Each paper has its own code.

The next digit, 0 in today's code, indicates the current price, which is 40p. In Saturday's issue, which costs 45p, this digit will change to a 1. If, heaven forfend, it should prove necessary to increase the price, then the 0 will be changed to a 1 and the 1 on Saturdays will become a 2. At each successive price increase the digits will increase until 9 is reached — some considerable time in the future, let us hope — when they will start again at 0. The next digit, 2, is the day of the week, starting with Monday as 1 and running through to Saturday as 6. The final digit of the main 13-digit bar code is a check digit, worked out by a four-step mathematical process from the other digits.



A machine reading the code will work out what the check digit ought to be; confirmation will mean that the rest of the code has been properly read. The final two digits, represented by slightly shorter bars, are an addition to the standard 13-digit code. They record the week of the year, starting with the first week of January as 1 and running through to 52 (or 53 in a leap year). This information may be useful to retailers and also to publishers, who can use it for checking the dates of copies returned unsold.

Sharp-eyed readers may detect that the very first digit, 9, has no bars attached to it, and actually lies outside the two long thin lines that show the machine that the bar code is beginning (or ending, since the machines can read in either direction). This digit, in fact, represents the use of a cunning combination of the other patterns, and saves space.

The two light and two dark bars of the code are in fact constructed from seven dark or light lines of equal width, assembled in different ways to create bars of various thicknesses.

There are 40 possible combinations, of which 30 are used, so that any digit from 0 to 9 can be represented in one of three different ways. In the left half of the symbol, two of these methods are used, the order in which they are used providing a code within a code that spells out the extra digit a different way.

The barcode is undeniably ugly, particularly on the front page of *The Times*; but its mathematics have a certain elemental beauty.

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Cash, confidence and new company needed to bail out bank



Sheikh Zayed: in theory, could resurrect bank

A sheikh, billions of dollars, public confidence and perhaps a new name are wanted for a British rescue of BCCI. Neil Bennett assesses chances tangled in a web of international law

IF YOU wanted to rescue the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, you would not, as the saying goes, start from here. In truth, the prospects for a rescue are bleak. A bank of that size has never been resuscitated after an enforced closure.

In theory it is possible for Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi and BCCI's main shareholder, to resurrect the bank overnight. He would first have to inject several billion dollars to cover the losses on the fraud and cure BCCI's insolvency.

Sheikh Zayed would then need to appoint a board of directors and senior executives who would satisfy international banking regulators that they were fit and proper people to run a bank. BCCI could then reopen, taking deposits and making loans as usual. Alternatively, the liquidators could persuade someone else to buy BCCI and inject the cash it needs and reopen the branches under a new name.

In practice, however, such a rescue would be impossible. All banks rely on confidence to do business. Without confidence, depositors rush to withdraw their savings, and create a run on the bank. Since a bank is unable to call in its loans fast enough to meet the depositors' demands, it quickly becomes illiquid and is forced to close. A rescue plan for BCCI is complicated by two further factors. First, the size of the fraud at the bank has not been quantified, so its true financial position is unknown. BCCI's 24 British branches meanwhile are owned by a Luxembourg-registered bank which operates in 12 other countries, which tangles the chances for a British rescue in a web of international law. In the past the Bank of England has come to the rescue of banks which it considered would cause too much damage to the country's banking industry if they were allowed to fail.

In particular, it bought Salter Walker in the 1970s and Johnson Matthey Bankers in the 1980s. With these, it spent years paying depositors and raising money from the banks' assets. But since BCCI is based in Luxembourg, another Bank of England-sponsored rescue looks unlikely.

Despite the problems, there is a glimmer of hope for BCCI's staff and depositors. Halpern & Woolf, the accountants who are advising BCCI depositors, has proposed a partial rescue of BCCI's business through a new British company.

Under the plan the sheikh would inject funds into a new company to allow it to buy up BCCI's assets and branches. Halpern hopes the new company, with new management, could then pay depositors part of their savings, while the Bank of England would also agree to providing the new company with compensation funds. BCCI could then be wound up.

Neither Touche Ross, the liquidators, or the Bank of England has shown any support for the scheme, and it would still leave the new company exposed to a run on its deposits. Nevertheless, it represents the best hope for BCCI's staff and depositors, who will suffer serious financial hardship in any formal liquidation. Insolvency experts agree that while any BCCI rescue now looks unlikely, it will become nearly impossible if the High Court approves the Bank of England's liquidation petition today.

Once the order is granted, all the bank's contracts are terminated. This means, among others that all its 1,200 British staff are made redundant. The liquidators' task is then to realise the bank's assets as quickly as possible. While a wholesale rescue is therefore still theoretically possible, there would quickly be no bank left to rescue.

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Tory contempt for Labour charges on exports to Iraq

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major is expected to dismiss Labour's allegations of government collusion on the export of nuclear materials, military hardware and spy equipment to Iraq until three days after the invasion of Kuwait.

As Neil Kinnock demanded a full public enquiry into the alleged breaches of the arms embargo, the prime minister was preparing to respond aggressively to Labour accusations.

A senior government source treated the Opposition's accusations with contempt and provided an explanation of the uses and amounts of some of the materials named on a list as being authorised for export to Iraq between January 1987 and August 5 last year. The details were provided in an annexe of evidence sent by the trade department to the trade and industry select committee investigating British exports to Iraq and the supergun affair.

The government source said that the plutonium was between one and two milligrams, worth £96, which could not have been used for military purposes: guns were exported under temporary licence and had since been returned. They included weapons for protecting travelling VIPs and for hunting holidays, or were mounted gifts for gunsmiths. A piece of uranium was in a machine for x-raying oil well pipelines, and explosives were for use in oil exploration, the source added.

The Labour leader accused the government of unforgivable complacency in its reaction to evidence that equipment capable of use in the manufacture of chemical and nuclear weapons went to Iraq.

"We now know that very substantial arms exports and materials that can be used, probably were used, for the manufacture of chemical weapons and for the process of constructing nuclear weapons, were being exported systematically to Iraq for a long time before the invasion of Kuwait," Mr Kinnock said. The British people, who supported the efforts against President Saddam Hussein, expected nothing less than a full enquiry, he added.

Later, Gordon Brown, the shadow trade secretary, who has written to the prime minister urging him to set up an enquiry into the role of government departments in providing export licences, demanded details about the military uses of equipment and materials.

In a statement, Mr Brown said: "To fail to prevent the breach of the arms embargo is of the utmost seriousness; to attempt to obscure and cover up by irresponsibly dismissing legitimate concern as 'muckraking' and a 'fuss about nothing' is to compound the mistakes. I want to know what military equipment ministers now accept that Saddam Hussein has gained from breaches of the arms embargo."

Mr Brown asked how much military equipment had contributed to the Iraqi supergun and its test firing, and the extent to which ministers accepted that the arms embargo had been breached.

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Brooke to try again with Ulster talks

By OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, yesterday indicated that he hoped to revive after the holiday season his political initiative on the government of Northern Ireland. He called on constitutional parties in the north and the Irish government to be ready to resume efforts to break the deadlock.

Mr Brooke said: "The search for an accommodation must continue. This work is too important to be left undone. I hope all participants will be ready, after the summer, to pick up the search for a new way forward."

Earlier this month Mr Brooke's talks ended after only eight days of round-table discussions between Unionist and nationalist politicans. Yesterday he gave an optimistic assessment of what had been gained, and confirmed that in spite of the setback, he believed the three-tiered approach of discussing internal Northern Ireland politics, north-south links and the London-Dublin relationship remained the best agenda.

He rejected suggestions that Britain should impose a solution as being unlikely to provide a stable basis for government.

Any attempt to restart talks would involve devising a new formula and timetable for the negotiations including the sensitive matter of when the Irish government becomes involved in the process.

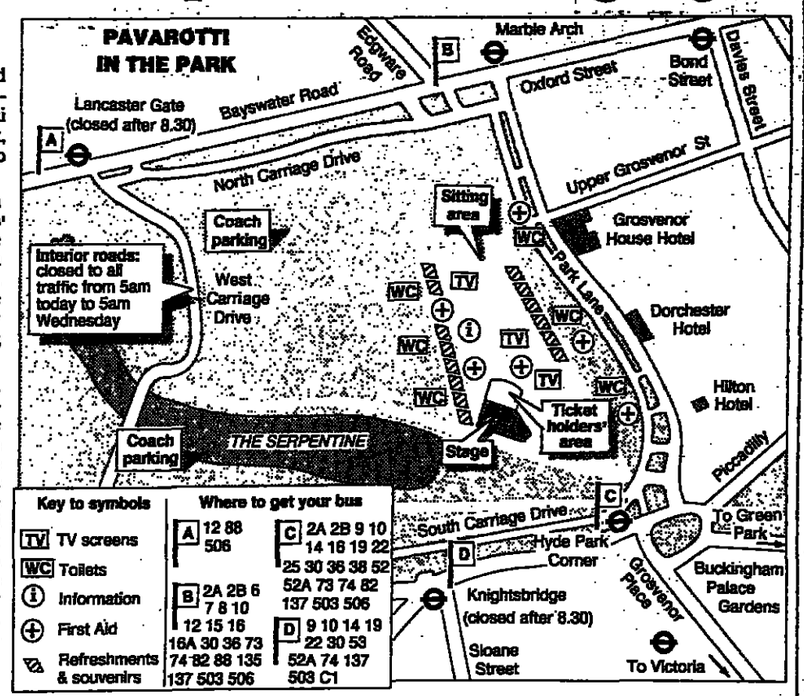
CHRIS HARRIS



Big appeal: Pavarotti, complete with tree-planting spade, meets the press on a day of hype for his Hyde Park extravaganza tonight

Pavarotti and police set for big night

By SIMON TAIT
ARTS CORRESPONDENT



THERE are elements, said Harvey Goldsmith, impresario of tonight's Pavarotti extravaganza in Hyde Park, who do not want the event to happen.

"They do not want London to be a cultural centre, they do not wish London to have open-air events," he told a press conference yesterday. "They say there will be breaches of security. They don't want the cars coming into the area."

Commander Tom Laidlaw, in charge of the police operations, seems to represent the elements Mr Goldsmith has in mind. "I don't think the venue is really suitable for concerts in the middle of the week," the commander said. "People will be travelling to the concert just as the rush-hour is in full flow. The transport system we have in London creaks under the strain at the best of times. Other people have their business to go about."

For an event on which Mr Goldsmith claims practically nothing has been spent on publicity, the hype for Pavarotti in the Park reached a carefully controlled climax at a press conference attended by 250 journalists and cameramen. Thanks to "free" publicity, Pavarotti is set to have the largest audience ever for a single performer. Celebrities in the £350 VIP seats will include the Prince and Princess of Wales, John Major, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Eric Clapton.

Mr Goldsmith claims that he will be lucky to break even on the £900,000 it has cost him to put the show on, but the profits to the PR consultants, the security advisers, and the army of concessionnaires on the site will be immense. If there is a recording album and perhaps a video, Mr Goldsmith says, there might be some profit for him, too. There will, however, be £100,000 for the Royal Parks Plant a Tree Appeal, for which Pavarotti planted a tree near the concert site before the press conference.

There will be no police in the 50-acre concert area, where 250,000 people are expected. The police say that Mr Goldsmith was offered the kind of special service agreement that football clubs pay for, but declined it. Mr Goldsmith says that no offer was made although he asked, and that he had to turn to Showsec, the company running security for most open-air pop concerts. The safety officer has recommended a minimum of 850 stewards, but Mr Goldsmith would not say how many there will be.

There will be 1,000 extra police on duty outside the concert area, however, at a public cost of about £500,000.

Lessons have been learned from the royal wedding fireworks in Hyde Park ten years ago, when 750,000 people turned up. Scores were injured and more than 100 people crushed in the mêlée were taken to hospital.

Commander Laidlaw said: "There will always be difficulties controlling a crowd of around 250,000. We are advising those who are claustrophobic, who don't like crowds or who tend to faint in hot weather to stay away. The park is big enough to hold 250,000 people, but not everybody will get a view. There may be crushes if people start pushing forward."

This time, Park Lane, next to the concert site, is to be closed to traffic for half an hour from the end of the event at 9pm to let people leave by the eight exits there. Extra trains will run on the Underground, but Knightsbridge station will be closed from 8.30pm. On the Central Line, trains going east will start from Bond Street, not Marble Arch; west-bound trains will start from Marble Arch.

The London Weather Centre forecasts thunderstorms heading for south-east England this evening.

Sudanese is held over poison plot

A Sudanese man was last night being held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act in connection with an alleged conspiracy to poison a member of staff at his country's embassy in London.

Scotland Yard said the man had been arrested last Thursday and was being detained at Paddington Green police station, west London.

The Home Office said that an extension had been granted under the act for the man to be held until today. During that time a decision will be taken on deportation. No one was available at the embassy to comment.

Hodgson wins

Julian Hodgson, the favourite and highest rated grandmaster, won his opening game in the British chess championship which started yesterday at Eastbourne. Three other grandmasters are taking part – David Norwood, Dipu Barua of India, and the title-holder James Plaskett. Meanwhile, Dharshan Kumaran, of London, has won the world chess championship for players under 16 years.

Libel damages

George Churchill-Coleman, head of the Scotland Yard anti-terrorist branch, received a public apology and "substantial" undisclosed libel damages in the High Court yesterday over allegations in *Today* newspaper concerning his competence. Timothy Robinson, for *Today*, said the newspaper regretted that the mistaken allegations had been made. *Today* will pay the commander's legal costs.

Donovan sues

Jason Donovan, the actor and singer, has issued a writ alleging libel in *The Face* magazine. The article concerns a campaign by gay activists in a group called Frocs to name public figures it claims are secretly homosexual. Donovan, who made his name in the television soap *Neighbours*, has denied repeatedly that he is homosexual.

Bail denied

Three of the four former UDR soldiers whose conviction for a murder in Armagh eight years ago was referred to the Court of Appeal were refused bail in the Ulster High Court yesterday. Neil Latimer, Noel Bell and James Hegen had applied for bail in anticipation that the appeal court hearing would result in their acquittal.

Special hospitals chief blames union

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A DRIVE to introduce more caring, therapeutic regimes in top-security mental hospitals is being undermined by the outmoded thinking of the Prison Officers' Association, it was claimed yesterday.

Charles Kaye, head of the Special Hospitals Service Authority, said the union was "not attuned" to the new culture that the authority was trying to create in the four hospitals. The union, which represents two-thirds of the authority's 2,000 staff, was not always right about security matters. Mr Kaye hoped that members who took part in an alleged strike at Ashworth and Rampton hospitals last December would be disciplined by the nursing profession.

Some members of the union tended to under-value the importance of traditional forms of security and over-rated electronic techniques such as surveillance cameras, he said. The internal report into the escape earlier this month of a multiple rapist from Broadmoor hospital had found that staff had not been keeping patients under adequate observation.

"The report into James Saunders's escape makes quite clear that the major ingredient was a lack of vigilance on the part of staff," Mr Kaye said. The union says management was largely to blame for the break-out for encouraging a more liberal regime.

Mr Kaye's comments were condemned last night by the union, which renewed its allegation that the authority was out to crush it. Brian Caton, senior spokesman for the union's members at the special hospitals, said: "It's ridiculous that he should have fired off like this just after we've lodged an urgent request to talk to the management about a range of issues."

The authority was set it up in 1989 to bring the hospitals into the mainstream of the health service. Asked whether he wanted to neuter the union, Mr Kaye said: "We have to recognise the reality that this union represents two-thirds of all our staff and we must deal fairly and openly with such an important organisation. I very much hope that we can bring them alongside us, but it has to be said they have some distance to travel."

Mr Caton said: "We also want to see the rehabilitative process enhanced in the special hospitals but we also don't want situations where very serious, volatile offenders get out of these places."

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Ex-MP says tourist meals cleared by senior Tories

By DAVID YOUNG

TOURIST trips to the "Mother of Parliaments" were cleared by two of the most senior Conservative MPs, the High Court was told yesterday.

Harvey Proctor, the disgraced former Tory MP, denied in court that he had "flagrantly" breached parliamentary rules by approving a brochure advertising dinners at the Commons to American tourists.

Mr Proctor, giving evidence in a libel case brought by Teresa Gorman, his successor as Conservative MP for Billericay, said that an advertisement in a brochure was cleared in draft form by Sir Charles Irving, the Conservative MP, who was then chairman of the Commons catering committee.

Mr Proctor denied failing to give Sir Charles full facts about the brochure, and said that the former MP Sir Edward du Cann, then chairman of the Conservative backbenchers' 1922 Committee, had cleared the principle of holding the dinners.

The former MP for Billericay, who resigned in 1987 after admitting criminal charges of indecency with teenage boys, and now runs his own business selling shirts and ties, was giving evidence on behalf of Anthony Mudd, an accountant, in his defence to Mrs Gorman's libel action.

Mr Proctor's name has figured frequently in the case because he was host at up to four annual Commons dinners held by Mr Mudd's Billericay Conservative Businessmen's Association.

In his brochure, Mr Mudd offered American tourists paying £1,800 a week to stay at his Essex mansion the chance, if invited, to dine with ministers and peers at the Commons.

Mr Proctor told Mr Justice Drake that Sir Charles, MP for Cheltenham, had approved a draft of the wording of the brochure in 1982.

In cross-examination, it was suggested that it was "totally inconceivable" that Sir Charles would have approved such a flagrant breach of the rules that forbade advertising the dinners for commercial purposes.

Mr Proctor, of Fulham southwest London, said that Sir Edward had advised him that he could host House of Commons dinners for Mr Mudd's businessmen's association.

Mr Proctor was asked by Mr Justice Drake if he saw no objection to the Commons being used as a paid tourist attraction.

Mr Proctor said: "I don't think we should have turnstiles at the door."

He said that dinners at which he had been host had been wonderful occasions that did credit to the Palace of Westminster and the "Mother of Parliaments".

Mrs Gorman, who took over as the constituency MP in 1987, is suing Mr Mudd over a press release written as though from her, suggesting that she was a vain woman who did not like being number two and accusing her of opposing Mr Mudd's businessmen's association for unworthy motives.

Mr Mudd, aged 61, of Stockwell Hall, Little Burstead, near Billericay, denies libel. He claims that the press release was true, fair comment and protected by privilege.

The case continues.

NICK CORNISH



Tears of freedom: Susan Jones and her husband Keith leaving court yesterday after her jail sentence was quashed

Death of major's lover a test of the new Germany

The German lover of a British officer has been run over by a car. Anne McElvoy reports on the wrangle over the judicial process

A MAJOR'S wife was being held in British military custody in Fallingbostel yesterday, two days after her husband's German lover died after being hit by a car. Christine Dryland was waiting to hear whether her case will be pursued by the German or the British military authorities.

While the authorities in Lower Saxony indicated that they were prepared to hand over the case to army jurisdiction, Bonn appeared to be unhappy with that because of the seriousness of the crime and the fact that the victim was a German citizen.

According to British law, Mrs Dryland should be charged within 48 hours of her arrest, which took place at 11pm on Saturday. A clause in the Status of Forces agreement allows an extension in rare circumstances, however, such as complications arising from the handover.

Army families are governed by the agreement, instituted in the Fifties and updated in 1966, which gives first call on jurisdiction to the German authorities. In most cases they have decided to waive it. Mrs Dryland would then be be handed over to a British court martial and tried in Germany by a judge advocate – a British silk – and a panel of six officers with some basic legal training.

Bonn's reluctance appears to be based on the feeling that the constitution of a court martial, without civilians on the panel, favours the defendant, and also on Germany's interest in demonstrating its new-found sovereignty.

Major Anthony Dryland was being looked after by a neighbour yesterday on the Soltau army base with the couple's two children, Robert, aged 15, and James, aged six. Neighbours said that Mrs Dryland was a withdrawn and private person who sought solace in a bible studies group and the Anglican church. "She was very, very lonely," one said. Presure in the relationship had been building up since the end of March, when Major Dryland returned from the Gulf after service with the Desert Rats.

Rolf Sander, president of the Soltau riding club where Major Dryland was a frequent guest, said that he was the only member from the British base. "We all knew about his problems with his wife and his liaison with Marika Sparfeld. They used to go riding together for hours. He wanted to set up home with her," he said. Herr Sander added that he had seen a confrontation between the two women three months ago. "Mrs Dryland stormed into the bar and shouted at Marika to leave her husband alone."

The existence of some 60,000 dependants of the 57,000 troops stationed in western Germany is fraught with the tension of being a dwindling alien force in a newly sovereign and newly confident Germany.

First came the decision that, in the wake of unity, all British troops would withdraw by 1994 – the year scheduled for the Soviet withdrawal from eastern Germany. Last week the long-expected army cuts were announced. Major Dryland's corps, the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, will be halved.

Kate Borrett, of the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association, admitted that the strain was proving hard for some families. "There is a reasonably high occurrence of marital breakdown in the army.

"The job entails frequent and unexpected absences and demands great commitment to the army. The anxiety about those fighting in the Gulf, and now the news about cuts, is very wearing. A lot of men and their wives feel rather cheated and worried that they will have no job to go back to," she said.

Court frees killer who had PMT

A mother of four who stabbed to death a "bullying thug" when he attacked her friend was put on probation for three years by Norwich crown court yesterday.

Agnes Buchan, aged 32, of Norwich, was suffering from acute pre-menstrual tension when she attacked Paul Akines, the court was told. She denied murdering Akines, aged 23, but admitted manslaughter. The prosecution accepted her plea.

Mr Justice Ognall said: "I take what is a wholly exceptional course. I can see no conceivable public interest in locking you up. The deceased behaved in a very aggressive fashion to your friend. Had he not done so I do not believe you would have done what you did."

He said that Mrs Buchan was in an excited and volatile state because of PMT but added that she would gave gone to jail if that been her only defence. He said Akines had been described by friends as a "bullying thug. His behaviour on this night justified the description."

Mrs Buchan went with Donna McMorrin to a house in Norwich to look for her friend's son Jason, aged 18. Mrs McMorrin was worried that he had been drinking all night with Akines. Mrs Buchan stabbed Akines when he grabbed Mrs McMorris around the throat and pushed her onto the floor, the court was told.



Jones caught on video carrying out one of her building society raids

Mother who robbed building societies is freed from jail

A MOTHER who turned to robbing building societies to support her family was yesterday ordered to be freed from her four-year jail sentence by the Court of Appeal.

Susan Jones, aged 37, of Hampton, west London, said to have been "virtually out of her mind" with worry and on the brink of suicide over her financial difficulties, was put on three years' probation coupled with psychiatric treatment.

Mr Justice Saville, sitting with Lord Justice Beldam and Mr Justice Buckley, said that the judge who sentenced her at Kingston crown court on April 26 had referred to her "wicked crimes" in stealing £7,000 in seven robberies at building societies.

The appeal judge however said that was nothing like the whole truth. "She is not a wicked woman and this is a wholly exceptional case. She is undoubtedly mentally unwell and in urgent need of treatment," he said.

Mrs Jones, who has twin daughters aged four, fell into debt after her husband became redundant and then fell ill. She also had to look after her father and diabetic young sister as well as running the family finances.

"By 1990 the finances were in a dreadful state. The family were threatened with the bailiffs and they risked their home being repossessed," the judge said. Mrs Jones, ill with glandular fever herself, did not want to burden her father and husband with the problems. After "veiled threats" from creditors, she became depressed and suicidal and turned to crime.

On her raids between September and November last year she pretended to have a gun. She finally gave herself up to police, confessed to the robberies and felt "very great remorse for what she did", the judge said.

The judges were told that Mrs Jones, being held in Holloway prison, was so emotionally distressed that she had waived her right to attend court for her appeal against sentence.

Outside court her husband, Keith Jones, said: "All I have ever wanted from the day that Sue gave herself up at Scotland Yard is for her to be well again. I can only look forward to the day when we are together again with Sue fully recovered. As a result of today's judgment that day will come much sooner and I am very grateful to the judges."

Mrs Jones was brought to the court later so she could agree to being put on probation. Lord Justice Beldam told her: "We can't compel you to undergo treatment. We have to have your consent." Mrs Jones, in tears, agreed and added: "Thank you very much."

Pair missing from plane wreckage

By PETER VICTOR

TWO Britons are missing feared dead after rescuers reached the wreckage of their plane in the mountains of a remote South Pacific island.

Cassandra Clunies-Ross, aged 25, of west London, was surveying trees from the air during a voluntary conservation project on the Vanuatu islands when the plane, piloted by Steven Pinhorne, aged 34, of Catisfield, near Fareham, Hampshire, crashed on Espiritu Santo.

Also believed to have been killed in the crash, which happened on Thursday in thick forest seven minutes from the main airport, were five members of Miss Clunies-Ross's forestry survey team.

A search was launched after the Britten-Norman Islander aircraft lost contact soon after take-off on a scheduled half-hour flight. Searchers, winched from a helicopter yesterday, found seven bodies in the plane, but there was no sign of Miss Clunies-Ross or Mr Pinhorne, Vanuatu's director of civil aviation, Walter McLeod, said. "I have been to the site and I have no doubt that there have been no survivors," he added.

The inter-island Vanair airline, which operated the aircraft, said that the passengers included an officer from the Australian high commission in Port Vila, Vanuatu's capital. Also on board were two French nationals and four Vanuatu men.

Miss Clunies-Ross's father is the former monarch of the Cocos Islands, which were sold to Australia in 1978 for $6.25 million dollars. Kevin Perkin, her brother-in-law, said that the news had been an awful shock. "I'm not even sure if my wife Caroline knows yet." Mr Perkin said Voluntary Services Overseas, which was sponsoring the study, had told them as much as they could.

Miss Clunies-Ross, who had a first in natural sciences from Cambridge university and an MSc from Oxford university, had been in Vanuatu for six months teaching forest guardians conservation methods to protect their rainforest.

Husband killer's provocation plea fails

A WOMAN who claimed she was provoked into stabbing her violent and drunken husband to death failed yesterday in an attempt to overturn her murder conviction. The Court of Appeal refused to hold the conviction of Sara Thornton unsafe and unsatisfactory and reduce it to manslaughter.

The judges headed by Lord Justice Beldam also refused to certify that her case raised legal points of public importance justifying a final hearing in the House of Lords. The ruling angered women's rights supporters packing the court, and one male supporter who shouted "shame on you" as the decision was announced was rebuked by the judge.

The court held that Thornton's trial at Birmingham had been properly conducted and that the trial judge had not erred in his directions to the jury.

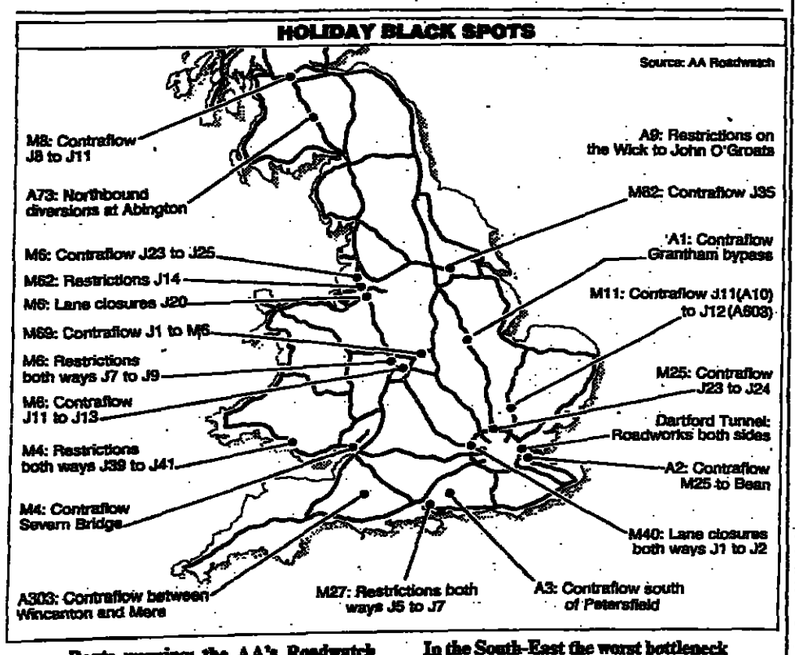
Thornton, aged 36, of Atherstone, Warwickshire, was jailed for life by Mr Justice Judge on February 23 last year for killing her husband of only ten months, Malcolm Thornton, a former policeman, with a kitchen knife in June 1989.

Lord Justice Beldam said Thornton had a history of personality problems. Her defence was manslaughter through diminished responsibility. A woman friend attested that she had threatened to kill her husband, a record shop manager, and Thornton admitted that before the killing she had put mogadon tablets in his food. Thornton telephoned a friend to discuss the problems raised by divorce proceedings and also wrote in lipstick on a mirror "Bastard Thornton, I hate you".

After her husband returned home from a drinking session on the night of his death, she went into the kitchen to "cool off", but picked up and sharpened a knife. He was lying on a couch as she held the knife over his stomach and brought it down. She told police she thought he would ward off the blow.

Lord Justice Beldam said Thornton's defence was supported by eminent psychiatrists. There was also evidence that she had suffered violence at her husband's hands because of his drink problems, and provocation was left as an issue for the jury to decide.

HOLIDAY BLACK SPOTS



Route warning: the AA's Roadwatch service says that motorists should avoid these trouble spots, where road maintenance is being carried out today, especially during peak times. Traffic problems should continue to ease, however, as roads get back to normal after the busiest weekend of the year.

In the South-East the worst bottleneck is likely to be the M40 in Buckinghamshire near Denham, and motorists should avoid the Dartford Tunnel because of roadworks at both ends. In the west country, drivers on the M4 should allow extra time for the contraflows on the Severn Bridge

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Stamp of disapproval as commoner breaches royal protocol

By BILL FROST

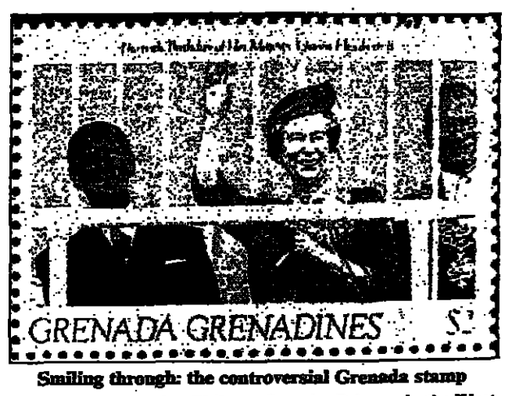
PHILATELIC history has been made, and Buckingham Palace protocol breached, with the issue of a stamp that shows a smirking commoner cheek by jowl with the Queen.

Convention has it that one must be either royal or dead and famous to appear on a British or Commonwealth stamp. Harold Blumenthal, a councillor and former lord mayor of Birmingham, is not dead, particularly famous or of regal lineage.

But there he is, at his sovereign's left hand, with a smile as wide and bright as a mayoral chain. Mr Blumenthal's appearance on the stamp, produced for the government of Grenada in the West Indies, comes courtesy of a quality-control failure somewhere along the production line.

Steve Matthews, a valuer with the international dealers Stanley Gibbons, said: "There has been a cock-up. It is either the royal family or the good and the great, but even then they do not mix and match. Quality control at the palace, where all designs are approved, must have slipped up."

The offending stamps were commissioned by the Inter-governmental Philatelic Corporation of New York and printed by Walsall Security Printers in the West Midlands. The design is based on a photograph taken after the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh presented Maundy Money at St Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, two years ago. Also in shot was Mr Blumenthal, but he should have been cropped out or obscured before the stamp was printed.



Smiling through: the controversial Grenada stamp

Derek Miller, who designed the stamp to commemorate the Queen's 65th birthday, said: "Oh dear, how unfortunate. It is true there is a policy that no living person should appear other than a member of the royal family. Background vertical lines were added to the stamp, which should have obliterated other people's faces, but it did not work here."

Mr Miller was certain that the design had been submitted to the palace, as is usual practice. "I would have expected this one to have been returned with a request for another picture to be used. But it seems it was not spotted at the Palace," he said.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said: "I do not know whether the approval was a mistake. There is an understanding that the only living people featured on stamps should be members of the royal family."

Mr Blumenthal spoke happily of his place in philatelic history. "I rang up the High Commission in Grenada when I found out. They said if I sent some money they would send me the stamp. I suppose this will become a collector's item now, because it shows a commoner with the royal couple. The only thing that worries me is that my face will be banged by rubber franking stamps all over the world."

Mr Matthews had some good news for Mr Blumenthal: "If he is that keen on getting the stamps, he could probably pick up hundreds very cheaply. A mistake it may be, but this is no second Penny Black."

MPs raise alarm over dumping of dead cattle

Farm animals are being buried in makeshift graves or left floating on rivers. **Philip Webster** reports on an growing hazard

A SERIOUS environmental threat has arisen from hundreds of thousands of dead farm animals being buried in makeshift graves or dumped by the roadside and in rivers, an all-party committee concludes today.

The government is accused by the Commons agriculture committee of doing nothing to counter the collapse in the animal waste disposal system, and its belief that market forces can resolve the difficulties is dismissed.

The committee, chaired by Jerry Wiggin, the Conservative MP, calls on the government to pay subsidies to the rendering industry to place a ceiling on its charges for animal waste, and proposes grants to farmers to install small incinerators and waste disposal units.

Farmers have resorted to burying fallen livestock because for the first time they have been charged for its removal. Economic difficulties in the knackering and rendering industries has led to the growing practice of animal carcases being disposed of in an unhygienic manner. The decline has been quickened by economic blows, including the emergence of BSE (so-called mad cow disease) and government measures to keep specified bovine offals out of the food chain.

The report says renderers who used to buy animal waste from knackers and process it into meat and bonemeal are being forced to charge for the waste removal because of the fall in prices and an influx of cheap hides from Eastern Europe.

Back down the chain farmers who used to sell dead stock to knackers are being charged up to £50 per animal to have stock removed. Many farmers are refusing to pay and either bury stock on their farms or dump it illegally.

The scale of the problem is indicated by figures given to the committee in evidence. About 1.5 million farm animals and horses are collected by knackers every year, yet the knackers report falls in throughput of 45 per cent on cattle and calves and up to 95 per cent on sheep.

"These are alarming figures. Even if all these animals were buried on the farm the long-term environmental consequences would be at best uncertain, particularly if there were rivers in the vicinity. There has been a steady incidence of cattle being left by the side of the road with their ear-tags removed, dead sheep being found floating in rivers."

Ministers had said laws requiring the proper disposal of dead livestock were a safeguard against environmental pollution but the penalties were not an effective deterrent, the committee says. It would cost no more than £6 million a year to ensure farmers did not have to pay for the removal of dead livestock.

Last night the agriculture ministry rejected the report's call for subsidies. David Clark, Labour's agriculture spokesman, demanded a government enquiry into farmers' difficulties.

Disposal of Fallen Livestock (Commons agriculture committee: fourth report)

Teachers call for vigilance to reduce use of drugs

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S schoolchildren run the risk of graduating from a diet of junk food to one of drink and drugs, the annual conference of the Professional Association of Teachers was told yesterday.

Parents and teachers had to be vigilant to stop the spread of alcohol, tobacco and "unlawful substances" among the young, Joyce Watts, chairwoman, said in her address to the conference in Liverpool. Marriage breakdowns and the erosion of family values left pupils prey to drugs and unsavoury relationships.

Mrs Watts, from Plumstead Manor girls' school, southeast London, said that parents often introduced their children to alcohol by having it available at home or allowing drinking under supervision on holiday.

"Is there supervision back home when parents are at work, when the evening comes and their children are out and about being encouraged by friends to drink? I am not getting at parents, parenthood is a tough job. What I am asking is, are you vigilant enough?"

Delegates to the 39,000-strong non-striking union's conference criticised parents over junk food. Peter Jenkins, the head of a Sheffield junior school, said that pupils were becoming "junk food junkies", staying up late in front of the television.

Children were arriving at school too tired to be taught, he said. They were eating more and more junk food, and spending hours every day watching videos or television programmes. The conference supported a motion proposed by Peter Kairis, of Kingsthorpe Upper School, Northampton, calling for more school time to be devoted to physical education and movement. The average one hour 39 minutes a week spent on PE was not enough, especially when 80 per cent of the 200 children who drowned last year had not been taught to swim.

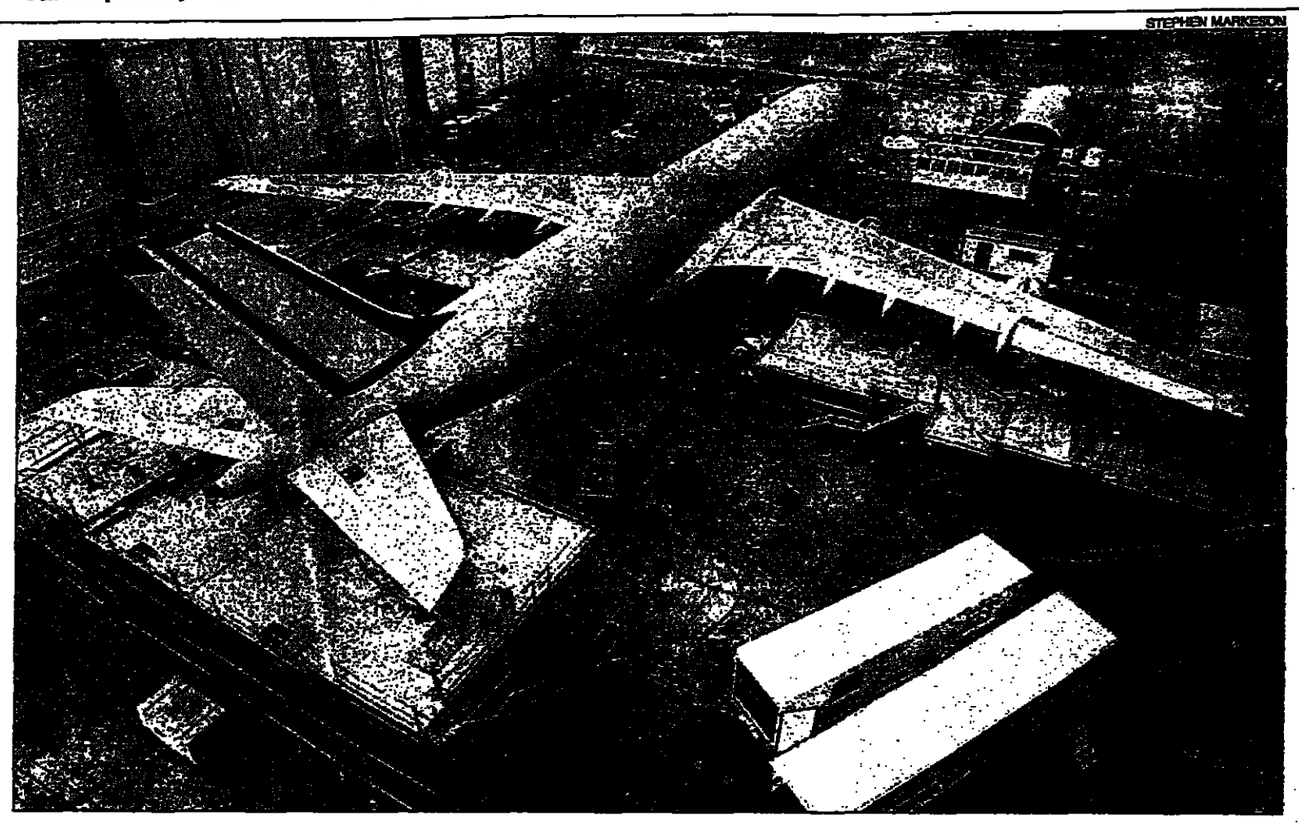
A teacher in charge of a south London unit for children withdrawn from school told the conference that schools would be more tempted to exclude disruptive pupils as examination results and truancy figures were published.

Jane Lovey, head of the Garden Unit, in Sutton, proposed a motion supported by delegates, urging the government to recognise that a small but disruptive minority of pupils aged between 14 and 16 would be best served outside mainstream education.

☐ Candidates in some GCSE examinations next year stand to lose more than 5 per cent of marks for poor spelling and grammar under new regulations announced yesterday by Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary.

Mr Clarke accepted the advice of the School Examinations and Assessment Council, which included the banning of computer spell checks and dictionaries, except in vocational syllabuses where they are considered an essential tool. Only pupils with a statement of special educational needs will be allowed a general use of spelling aids.

STEPHEN MARKESON



European assembly: the largest commercial jet aircraft built this side of the Atlantic, the four-engined A340, which is taking shape at the Toulouse base of the aircraft manufacturing consortium Airbus Industrie (Harvey Elliott writes). The A340, on which the hopes of the European consortium's four main partners and hundreds of smaller manufacturers are pinned, is scheduled to fly in October. Structural tests are being carried out and British Aerospace is ferrying the huge wings on regular delivery flights to the final assembly hangar. Already 97 firm orders worth $1 billion have been obtained for the aircraft which, it is hoped, will offer the first non-American challenge to Boeing's 747 jumbo. Although smaller than the 747, the A340 will carry up to 350 passengers over 7,500 miles non-stop at a cost that will prove attractive to airlines around the world. The aircraft will have a twin-engined "sister", the A330.

BA will test cameras to monitor aircraft safety

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Airways engineers are to spend the next six months travelling the world's air routes while staring at a six-inch television screen.

The screen has been installed by the Civil Aviation Authority in a BA Boeing 747 as part of a £60,000 test programme to establish whether outside cameras on aircraft work and how they can be best employed.

The use of cameras to monitor an aircraft's engines, flaps and undercarriage, was recommended after the Kegworth crash in 1989, which was caused when the crew shut down the wrong engine. Had they been able to see that flames were coming from a damaged engine the disaster might have been averted, crash investigators believe.

If the cameras are found to be effective, the CAA is likely to make their fitting compulsory on all British-registered jets.

Scots regiment merger may cost votes, ministers warned

By KERRY GILL

THE proposed amalgamation of the Queen's Own Highlanders and the Gordon Highlanders was condemned by senior army officers in Scotland yesterday as unnecessary and unjust. They hope that public opinion will help them to reverse the merger.

Only days after former regimental officers launched a campaign to persuade Tom King, the defence secretary, to change his mind, serving officers said that they would fight to retain the regiments' identities. Colonel Derek Brown, regimental colonel of the Gordons, said that the government could lose more than 50 per cent of its support in Scotland in a backlash against the proposals.

"The government has whipped this millstone around our necks. If they wish to maintain some sort of representation in Scotland it seems a very peculiar way of going about it. They were well warned about it before they made the decision, but it appears they chose to ignore the advice," Colonel Brown said.

Major General John Hopkinson, regimental colonel of the Queen's Own Highlanders, who have just started a recruitment drive in the Highlands, said: "I'm quite sure the people of Scotland will make their views clear to the government. If they do, and if the government wants to live up to their reputation as a listening government, then they will have to address the matter. If, at the end of the day, we don't get the result we hope for it's our bad luck. If we just make our views as a regiment on our own, no one will listen to us. If the people want to keep their regiments in this area they will have to support us on this one."

Yesterday's strong words made it doubly clear that senior officers, past and present, intend to make regimental amalgamation in Scotland, where four regiments are planned to be combined into two, an election issue. Major General Hopinkson, who went through an amalgamation 30 years ago when the Seaforth and Cameron Highlanders merged to form the Queen's Own Highlanders, said: "It is hard for me to understand why it should be necessary for us to suffer the same fate again when other regiments are not facing that fate. There is no doubt that the amalgamation of the Seaforths and Camerons was a successful one, but it is a long process and it hits us hard to have our heads bashed again."

He said he understood that numbers had to drop because of the reduced threat from the Warsaw Pact countries, but the reductions were more than was necessary, especially among the Highland regiments. Colonel Seymour Monro, commanding officer of the Queen's Own Highlanders, said that his men had served recently in the Gulf and in Belfast. While regimental morale had taken a bad knock, it would soon be as high as ever.

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Labour vows to aid hard-up students

By OUR HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR yesterday promised a new system of benefits to help thousands of students who, the party says, have been plunged into poverty over their summer vacation.

Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, urged the government to make £10 million available to ease the hardship caused by the withdrawal of social security benefits and a shortage of vacation work. He described ministers' actions as brutal.

At a Commons press conference, Mr Straw said that a Labour government would restore vacation hardship allowances abolished this year in spite of an apparent assurance to the contrary by Nicholas Scott, social security minister. Some of the savings from the promised abolition of student loans would go into a new housing benefit scheme.

The denial of benefits worth more than £70 a week is leading to growing indebtedness among students at a time when many employment agencies are refusing to take on students. The government's response has been to release £2.5 million of next year's hardship funds for use over the summer.

Mr Straw said: "This is a hopeless response, just window dressing. It puts no new money into the system and will pile up further cases of hardship for the winter."



Straw: says ministers' actions are "brutal"

Michael Lewis, aged 26, a publishing student from Oxford polytechnic, said at yesterday's press conference that he had accumulated debts of £9,000 in four years of study, and would have to drop out of his course. A £2,000 overdraft had multiplied since his bank began charging 33 per cent interest.

Only a job as a security guard at the polytechnic was enabling him to maintain payments. "Last term I spent more time working than studying, purely to meet the repayments. I won't be able to return because of my indebtedness."

Mr Straw said: "We are getting a lot of letters from people in their 20s and 30s. Because they have no dependents they are just discarded by the state. They have ceased to exist."

Vacation hardship allowances of £35 a week were claimed by only 305 students last year, when housing benefit and income support was available. A huge increase was expected this summer before payments were withdrawn.

Andrew Smith, Labour's higher education spokesman, said: "Across the country, tens of thousands of students face leaving their courses simply because they cannot face moving deeper into debt. The government have selected higher education students for very special treatment – pushing them outside the safety net of the welfare state."

Supply of summer jobs dries up

By WILLIAM CASH

STUDENTS hoping to clear overdrafts or save for a trip abroad by getting a holiday job are finding themselves unwanted and broke this summer as employers cut back by up to 50 per cent on the seasonal source of cheap labour.

With income support and housing benefit having been abolished after the introduction of student loans, the National Union of Students yesterday described the summer job outlook as bleak, estimating that one in three students seeking casual work would be unsuccessful. It said: "There is not nearly the same level of work as last year, with all areas of business being squeezed. Many students are going to face serious hardship over the next few months."

Traditional student jobs, in hop-picking, leisure work, building and catering, are especially hard to find this year because students are competing with growing numbers of unemployed people willing to accept very low pay. The average student wage is £80 to £100 a week.

Gill Allen, a careers adviser at Manchester university, said that many students were accepting less pay than last year. Employers seemed to be taking on about half as many people as usual. To get a job, a student had to be persistent and open-minded. Many of those with jobs had arranged them early in the year.

Simon Turner, managing director of Ewell Building, a small firm in Surrey, said that he had previously taken on extra help over the holiday period, but this summer there was not enough business to do so. "There's no way I can take on students at the moment. It's bad enough trying to keep my own people on," he said. He regretted being unable to take anyone on because he had been surprised how quickly students picked up basic skills and how hard they worked.

Julia Warburton, of the Central Services Unit for Graduate Careers Advisory Services, said that the job market was so bad that her organisation, which normally takes on students in summer, was cutting back. Business demand was down by about 40 per cent.

Fewer opportunities exist for holiday relief work in offices. The Civil Service, councils and companies have cut back on clerical help. Kerry Oliver, of Manpower, in Manchester, said that few students on the agency's books were working, adding: "The majority are sitting around waiting for the telephone to ring. A lot of students are finding it pretty difficult to cope."

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Helping hand: Geraldine Liversage, aged 19, is one of 25 women drafted in to help to clear the backlog of rubbish from the streets of Liverpool at the start of its new refuse collection service.

They are employed by Onyx UK, the French-owned private company that won the contract from the council. John Basford, the Onyx manager, said the first day had been a success, with work starting an hour earlier than expected. The women were part of a temporary staff hired to work alongside permanent staff for the first few weeks to effect a smooth transition. More than 75 per cent of the workforce is made up of former council refuse collectors.

Ms Liversage, of Birkenhead, said: "We all do our fair share and get stuck in because we get the same wages as the men. We believe that we can do the job the same, if not better then the men. It's all right for me though, because my driver is my dad, so when a bag is too heavy he jumps out of the cab and gives me a hand."

Police to investigate Calvi murder claim

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE in London are to investigate claims by a witness in a Mafia trial in America that Roberto Calvi, the Italian banker found hanging under Blackfriars bridge, was murdered by a Mafia figure who is imprisoned in Britain for drug offences.

Details of the witness's allegation have been passed to London from New York by the FBI. A senior detective from the City of London police is to make contact with the FBI and British agencies to follow up the report into the case. The prisoner may be questioned.

The witness, Francesco Mannoia, is said to have told an Italian magistrate visiting New York that the Mafia man strangled Calvi and then rigged his body up under the bridge. Known as God's banker, Calvi went to London after the collapse of his bank, the Banco Ambrosiano, in 1982. The alleged murderer, who has been in prison in Britain for some years, was convicted of serious drug offences and comes originally from Sicily.

At one stage Calvi's death was regarded as suicide by police. An inquest in London returned a open verdict and the family fought for years to have the death recognised as murder. Mannoia is a former Mafia member who has become an informant in the trial of one of the big American Mafia families.

Yesterday the British firm of solicitors Kingsley Napley, which has acted for the Calvi family, said it would watch developments closely.

A spokesman said the suggestion that Mr Calvi had been strangled and then hanged was considered in the original post mortem and inquests but ruled out by medical evidence.

Skipper is jailed for smuggling IRA arms

By RAY CLANCY

AN IRISH skipper caught trying to smuggle a £3.7 million cargo of weapons and explosives loaded in Libya and destined for the IRA was jailed for three years yesterday.

Adrian Hopkins, captain of the coaster Eksund, admitted gun-running and attempting to import weapons to the Irish Republic. The Panamanian-registered Eksund was bound for a beach in Ireland when she was stopped in French waters off the coast of Brittany in October 1987. The ship had loaded up with the 150-tonne haul, which included 20 Sam 7 missiles, 1,000 Kalashnikov rifles and a million mortar shells, at the port of Tripoli.

Hopkins, aged 52, appeared before an anti-terrorist Special Criminal Court in Dublin, where Justice Liam Hamilton sentenced him to eight years, five of which were suspended, for carrying guns and explosives, and to two years, to run concurrently, for trying to import arms. The judge took account of the time Hopkins had already spent in custody.

Hopkins, a former merchant seaman and travel firm chief from the seaside town of Bray, Co Wicklow, entered an unexpected guilty plea to the charges last week when he made a routine appearance in connection with his trial, due in October. Eleven other charges were dropped.

The non-jury court was told that Hopkins had been motivated by financial gain rather than sympathy for the IRA. He had received two payments, one of £200,000 and one of about £300,000, for skippering the ship from Libya to the Irish Republic. Det Supt Kevin Carty said that Hopkins was fully aware of the consequences but had "no interest in subversive matters himself".

He had been a leading figure in the Irish holiday sales trade until 1980, when his Bray Travel firm collapsed. He went back to sea to support his wife and four children. That led him to the captaincy of the Eksund, as a mercenary rather than a committed follower of the IRA, and he was paid large fees for guiding Colonel Gadaffi's previous arms consignments to Ireland.



Hopkins: no interest in subversive matters

He had been held in a French jail but fled the country a year ago after being granted bail. He was re-arrested a few weeks later in Limerick and held in custody in the Irish Republic. In January he was sentenced to seven years in his absence by a court in Paris. Four Irish crew members were jailed by the French court for their part in the operation.

Security sources have suggested that Hopkins may have to adopt a false identity when he has served his sentence because the IRA is furious that he co-operated with the French and British authorities. The trial in Paris was told that Hopkins admitted taking part in four previous gun-running trips for the IRA, involving 140 tonnes of weapons and explosives.

The capture of the Eksund was a big blow for the IRA, which lost one of its most abundant sources of arms and explosives. However, in spite of the Irish Republic's biggest arms search, the bulk of the hoard has never been located.

100 youths loot club and shops

Police are investigating a two-hour spree of looting and destruction at a social club, video store and off-licence by up to 100 youths after their parties ran out of alcohol in Chapeltown, Leeds, yesterday.

West Yorkshire's assistant chief constable, Denis O'Toole, denied allegations that the police ignored 999 calls for two hours because they were operating a "no-go" policy in the area but admitted that his officers should have responded more positively.

Policeman quits

Supt Mike Smith, aged 50, head of Cumbria traffic police, resigned after being breath-tested when his car crashed into a bridge on the M74 near Glasgow five days before his force launched a campaign against drink-driving.

Rapist jailed

Jason Bennett, aged 23, of Brixham, Devon, was jailed for 10 years by Nottingham crown court for raping an 83-year-old woman while posing as a police officer.

Weston baby

Lucy Weston, wife of Simon Weston, who survived after being badly burnt in the Falklands war, gave birth to a boy at the Caerphilly Miners Hospital, Mid Glamorgan.

Wedding arrest

Police are questioning an 18-year-old man about the death of Andrew Maylett, aged 16, who was hit with a glass at a wedding party in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.

Child molester

Walter Halstead, aged 67, a retired civil servant of south London, was jailed for 14 years for molesting children.

Porcelain theft

Raiders stole a rare £35,000 piece of 1840 Dresden porcelain from a glass case at Hereford museum.

Cheesed off

A thief fled with four cheese sandwiches after attacking a security guard and grabbing his briefcase in Bradford.

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Picture of serenity: Alexandra Creswell, a painter, surveying the Surrey panorama he is campaigning to protect from a proposed golf course

Residents challenge Surrey golf club plan

By MARCUS BINNEY ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

ONE of southern England's grandest panoramas is under threat from plans to turn part of it into a 27-hole golf course, objectors will claim at a public enquiry opening today in Dorking, Surrey.

Last July Waverley district council refused development plans for the 400-acre Lukyns Estate at the foot of the Surrey Hills, on the grounds that it would damage a landscape protected three times over as green belt, an area of outstanding natural beauty and of grand landscape value.

Leading the fight against an appeal by the developers is Alexander Creswell, a painter who has earned a reputation for dramatic views of decaying country houses.

"From the top of Pitch Hill and Holmbury Hill you look down from 900ft across a magnificent 180-degree sweep of Surrey, Sussex and Kent," he says. "On a good day you catch a glimpse of the sea at Brighton through the Shoreham Gap. What I particularly object to as a painter is that the golf course will fill the foreground of this glorious view."

Speaking for the applicants, Gareth Capner, a planning consultant, says: "The golf course would be an exemplary and sensitive use of agricultural land in a protected landscape. No new buildings are needed and thousands of trees will be planted."

Six 18-hole courses have opened in Surrey in the past three years and permission has been granted for a further 23. Another 46 applications are waiting to be determined.

Local people fear that if the inspector grants permission the estate will be sold on, setting a dangerous precedent in the green belt.

Scots give Russians a lesson in modern farming

By KERRY GILL

AS PRESIDENT Gorbachev prepared to discuss economic help for the Soviet Union with President Bush in Moscow, 20 Russian farmers arrived in southern Scotland for lessons in local agricultural methods.

In a three-month crash course in which they will be billeted on farms from the Highlands to the Borders, they will learn the vicissitudes of a market approach to the production and sale of everything from sheep, barley and oil-seed rape to raspberries. They will be shown that collectivism, so long advanced by the V.I. Lenin all-union academy of agricultural sciences in Moscow, is as out-dated as the ox plough.

Yesterday Valeri Aristov, aged 28, whose farm is near Sverdlovsk in the Urals, admitted that working in the new competitive age was more difficult than he had imagined. Speaking through an interpreter, he said he took on the lease for his 100-hectare dairy farm from the government three years ago. His lease is 100 roubles (£100) a year.

"I have 50 Dutch cows and I make my own silage but it is poor ground and I have to put in grain to augment the feed. Each cow produces about 3,000 litres of milk a year. It is possible to sell it on the market but very difficult.

"There are very strict sanitary controls. Mine all goes to the state dairy. I have to drive it there myself in my own tanker along a track. You couldn't call it a road," he complained. Mr Aristov, who lives in a two-room farmhouse with his wife and two children, said he worked from 6am until 11pm every day. "I always have the problem of getting credit and I just make ends meet," he said.

Mr Aristov spent two years at a technical college, two years in the army and was a lorry driver before getting his farm. Eventually, depending on the political situation, he will own the farm. During his stay he will live with Ian Evans on his 600-acre farm near Newton Stewart, Dumfries and Galloway.

Anatoli Tokmakov, from Perme in the Urals, spent 40 years working on collective farms, five as a director. He is now an official with an agricultural association covering 30,000 hectares in which there are still 400 collectives as well as 1,000 private farms.

"Half the collectives are running at a loss, so something must be done," he said, looking forward to receiving a £50 handout from the Royal Bank of Scotland.

The scheme is run by the Scottish agricultural training board. Raymond Prendergast, of Scottish Enterprise, a sponsor of the project with others including the bank and Scottish seed potato producers, said: "It is the first step in the development of what we hope will be a permanent exchange of skills between our two countries and the opening up of new markets."

He was speaking as some of Scotland's soft-fruit growers planned to travel to the Soviet Union to persuade growers there to increase their prices to Scottish levels. UK jam factories, it appears, enjoy a ready supply of cheap soft fruit from eastern Europe while local prices crash.

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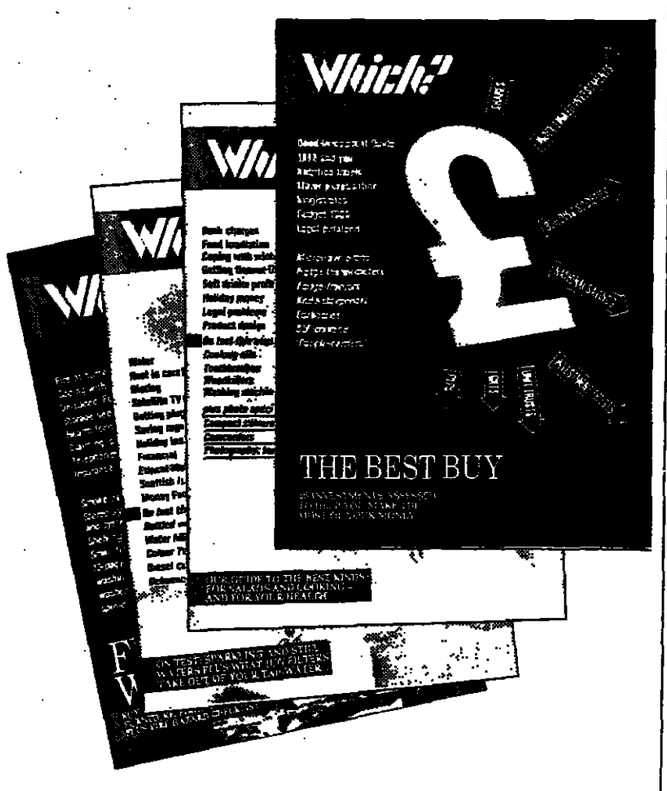
Psychiatrist to aid Orkney investigation

A CONSULTANT in child and adolescent pyschiatry has been appointed as an assessor to the judicial enquiry into the cases of alleged ritual sex abuse on Orkney that will open next month, the government announced yesterday (Kerry Gill writes).

Lord Clyde, the judge who will chair the enquiry, to open in Kirkwall on August 26, said that Hugh Morton would sit with two assessors to advise on professional aspects under examination. Dr Morton, employed by Tayside health board, became a fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 1986. The other assessor will be Anne Black, divisional director of Lothian region's social work department.

Meanwhile, Sue Miller, a central figure in allegations against four families from South Ronaldsay, has resigned as an Orkney social worker.

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Pottery analysis sheds light on menu of medieval man

Scientists are helping to ensure that cabbages as well as kings have their place in history recorded, reports Nigel Hawkes

THE injunction to eat your greens echoes down the ages, the despairing cry of parents since time began.

Now analysis of fragments of Saxon and medieval pottery from West Cotton, Northamptonshire, has shown that cabbage was a major component of the diet of the times. Pollen grains and seeds have long given clues to the vegetables eaten by early societies, but leaf vegetables leave few lasting traces.

Richard Evershed's team from Liverpool university's biochemistry department has used the latest gas chromatography and mass spectrometry techniques to examine more than 100 traces of chemicals absorbed by the pots from West Cotton. The technique is often used to detect tiny traces of pollutants.

They found evidence of a variety of organic compounds, including the hydrocarbon nonacosane and its derivatives, nonacosanol and nonacosanone, a mixture closely matching the leaf waxes from cabbage. Dr Evershed said: "We found these three substances together in the right proportions, which is really a signature for cabbage."

Alternative possibilities include other members of the brassica family, Brussels sprouts and cauliflower, but those were not introduced into Britain until the 15th and 17th centuries. According to Dr Evershed, a more likely alternative is turnip tops, but these are a seasonal food and are fairly unpalatable, so seem less likely to have formed part of the regular diet.

The Liverpool team has been back at West Cotton this week collecting more fragments of pot. While the pieces examined so far are more than 1,000 years old, the site is older, having been occupied since the Bronze Age. There is a Roman villa in which many fragments of pot have been found.

Examination will show whether the Roman diet was any more exotic than that of the Saxons. Dr Evershed has taken back to Liverpool fragments of mortaria, vessels in which the Roman cooks ground their herbs and spices. As well as showing what the diet was, the scientific results should demonstrate which pots were used for which foods.

Dr Evershed suspects that the Romans ate a richer and more varied diet than the Saxons, because of the extent of their empire and the trade and travel that went on. Courgettes? Mange-touts? The analysis will show.

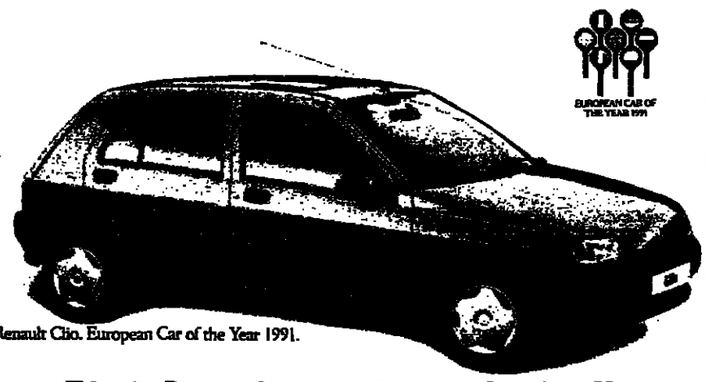
He is reluctant to say what other vegetables have been detected but admits that the team has identified one wax characteristic of leeks. "It's only a single compound, rather than the three we found that point to cabbage, so it's too soon to be sure," he said. But it looks as if the Welsh national dish may have been in regular use in Northamptonshire before AD 1000.



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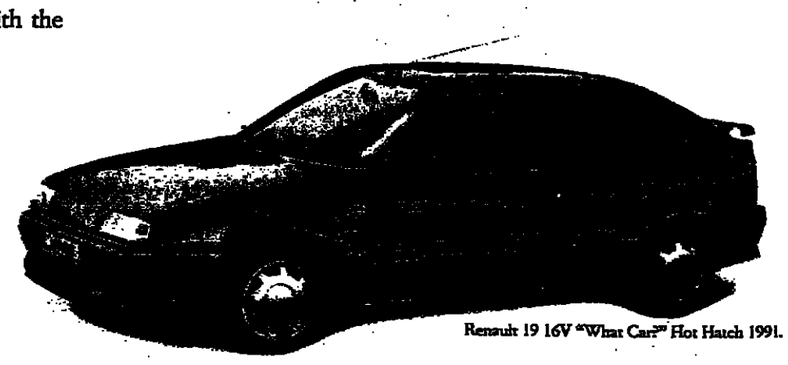
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Mystery initials stir speculation on Tokyo scandal

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

THE Japanese public was treated yesterday to yet another show of shameful bowed heads, gushing contrition and pious pledges to pull up socks all round from powerful leaders of the securities industry.

The performance was prompted by the long awaited publication yesterday of a list of 231 stock market investors who had allegedly received compensation worth a total of more than £550 million from their brokers between April 1987 and March last year, to cover losses made on the stock markets. The many household names on the list, released by the Japan Securities Dealers' Association, are claimed to have been indulging in completely risk-free stock market investments for some time.

Toyota Motor, for example, is said to have received £9.51 million from its broker to reimburse recent losses, Matsushita Electric £18.4 million and Hitachi £12.7 million. Under Japanese law, neither the payment nor the receipt of such special compensation is illegal, although it contravenes ministry of finance "guidance". Senior representatives from the big four brokers – Nomura, Daiwa, Nikko and Yamaichi – yesterday stepped up in turn in front of television cameras to offer profuse apologies to their best and most honourable customers for the unforgivable trouble they had caused by dragging their names into the scandal. Individual investors, indignant at their exclusion from the generous loss compensation schemes, were served up apologies alone.

At separate press conferences all over central Tokyo, the heads of the listed companies professed uniform surprise. Some denied outright the receipt of compensation, others denied any knowledge of compensation, and a few admitted the money might have somehow found its way into the company coffers, but they certainly had not asked for it. All pledged to look into the matter.

More tantalising still for a public now treating the scandal with a degree of voyeuristic glee, were the three mystery individuals identified only by their initials in a newspaper list published yesterday. The big four claimed coyly that H. M., H. Y. and F. K., are merely "certain company employees". Speculation that the stated "company employee" may turn out to be a euphemism for "politician" was running high on commuter trains and in newspaper editorial offices last night.

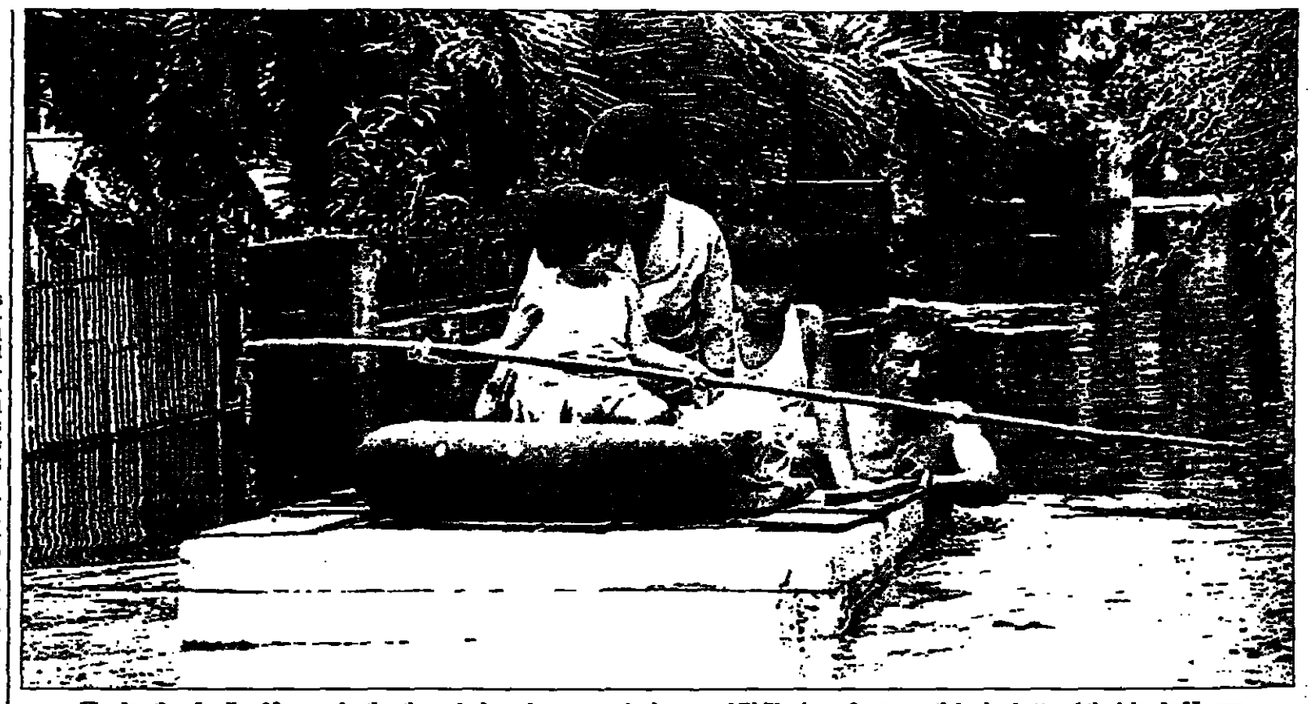
However, it is an open secret that politicians of the ruling Liberal Democratic party raise much of their campaign funds through the stock market. Yoshito Sengoku, leader of the opposition socialist party's special team investigating the scandal, believes that LDP political interests are bound to be on the list, but are likely to be disguised under the names of paper companies.

In the unlikely event that individual names are wrung from the list of compensated clients, they are sure to belong to some of the most influential people in Japan.

The prime minister, Toshiki Kaifu, one of only three members in his cabinet of 21 to have no listed stock market investments at all, is a member of a small faction, not known for its influence in LDP circles. As the party's "cleanest" politician, he is considered to be relatively safe from embarrassing financial revelations.

The finance minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, has come under intense criticism for his ministry's lax approach to policing the financial markets, although he has escaped any personal blame.

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Flood path: a family of four navigating through chest-deep waters in the central Philippines after torrential rains battered the island of Luzon at the weekend. The family was returning home after fetching the mother from work. At least ten people have died in the monsoons

Nairobi riot boys in court

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

TWENTY-NINE Kenyan schoolboys appeared in court yesterday charged with the manslaughter of 19 girls who died when a midnight raid on their secondary-school dormitory two weeks ago turned into a riot. Two boys were additionally charged with rape.

All pleaded not guilty and were remanded in custody after a brief hearing before the magistrate at Meru, 110 miles north of Nairobi. The police prosecutor told the magistrate that ten more boys were in custody but had not been formally charged.

Three nightwatchmen at the school are awaiting trial on charges of failing to prevent a crime. They have pleaded not guilty.

All the charges arise from incidents at St Kizito secondary school at Tigania near Nairobi where boys invaded the girls' dormitories at night after the girls had refused to join a protest strike. Medical officials said most of the girls died from suffocation after crowding into a small dormitory in an attempt to avoid attack. Seventy-one girls complained of rape, they said.

The school, which held 577 pupils, most aged between 14 and 18, has been closed and the headmaster suspended.

Peter Oloo Aringo, the Kenyan education minister, claimed that the rioting students had been incited by anti-government activists. But the Kenya Medical Association noted similar, less violent, incidents recently and decried "a catastrophe that has befallen our land". The association and others blamed this month's rampage on factors ranging from the lowly status of women in Africa's male-dominated society to student stress and lack of proper role models.

ANC to boycott business

From AFP
IN JOHANNESBURG

NELSON Mandela's African National Congress launched a consumer boycott in Johannesburg yesterday to demand the government's resignation over its funding of Inkatha.

The ANC, and its allies, the South African Communist party and the Congress of South African Trade Unions, said in a statement that the boycott was aimed at white-owned shops and businesses in South Africa's most populous region, which includes Johannesburg and Pretoria.

The covert funding of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom party had greatly harmed the government's credibility and had obliged the organisations to act, the statement added. The ANC said the boycott would be reviewed in a week and periodically thereafter.

On Sunday, the ANC and its two allies said the scandal had seriously endangered negotiations leading to the ending of white rule.

President de Klerk was holding talks yesterday with his state security council, comprising the heads of intelligence, the army and police and six ministers, to formulate a reponse to the dispute, his office said. But the ANC said there was no option other than the resignation of Mr de Klerk's government and the immediate establishment of a transitional government and an elected constituent assembly.

At a meeting between ANC officials and leaders of four South African black tribal homelands in Johannesburg yesterday, the parties agreed, the ANC said, that the revelations about the funding of Inkatha underscored the fact that the government was incapable of overseeing the transition.

Haiti sailors stage mutiny

From REUTER IN
PORT-AU-PRINCE

SAILORS at the main navy base in Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital, mutinied yesterday and accused senior officers of plotting to overthrow Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the president, local radio stations reported.

A spokesman for the mutineers said they had arrested the officers to ensure nothing happened to prevent the trial later in the day of Roger Lafontant, the former interior minister. He said they would hold them until President Aristide came to the base to discuss the matter. The president has appealed to Haitians to be aware of any plots designed to stop the trial of Mr Lafontant, who is accused of organising a coup attempt last January to prevent Mr Aristide taking office.

The prime minister, Rene Preval, who is also defence and interior minister, and General Raoul Cedras, the army commander in chief, went to the base and negotiated with the mutineers for several hours, according to Radio Metropole, Radio Plus and Radio Antilles. They left with the base's commander.

There was no immediate information from official sources on what happened at the base. Heavy gunfire was heard before dawn, but there were no confirmed reports of any injuries.

Water dispute puts pressure on Delhi

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

A dispute over water between two southern states is threatening to undermine India's new government. Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have been arguing for years about sharing water from the Cauvery river. A tribunal has ruled that Karnataka must release substantial amounts to Tamil Nadu, but Karnataka is refusing. Both states are political allies of the Delhi government, but if either withdrew the support of its MPs, the administration would fall.

MPs from Tamil Nadu accused the government yesterday of taking sides and hinted that they may withdraw support. The government has asked the supreme court to rule on the validity of the tribunal's decision.

Peer's visit gives islands hope of a place at UN

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN KOLONIA, MICRONESIA

SMALL is beautiful to the leaders of the 15 nations making up the South Pacific forum. T-shirts produced to mark the start of the forum's 22nd annual deliberations read: "Where in hell is Pohnpei", referring to this, the largest island in the Federated States of Micronesia, one of the world's newer countries and host to the gathering.

"Maybe we are small in the eyes of others," Bailey Olter, the president of the federated states (population 105,000), said at an opening press conference . "They may not see us as important, but once you are a country, you are a country."

Perhaps not everyone agrees. The clerk in a post office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, consulted his records then refused to take my cable to the federated states, saying of this nation in the west central Pacific: "There is no such place."

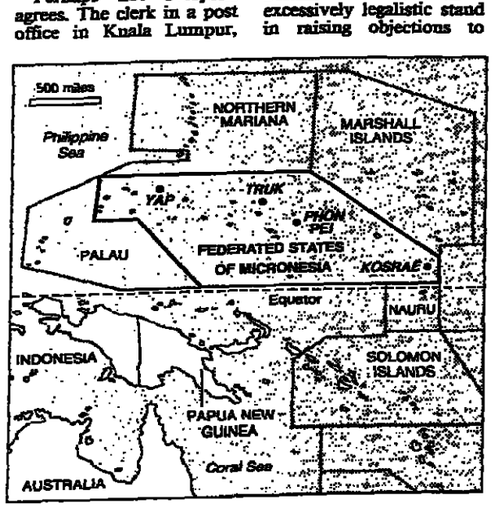
Mr Olter, a 59-year-old businessman who became president only recently, is certainly hoping Britain thinks a country is, indeed, a country. The federated states, which have been ruled successively by Spain, Germany, Japan and the United States, applied last week to join the United Nations, but there is a perception here that Britain might oppose membership.

Gareth Evans, the Australian foreign minister, claimed this week that Britain had earlier taken an excessively legalistic stand in raising objections to bilateral diplomatic recognition and to the validity of the federated states' passports, arguing that the entity was not a sovereign, independent state. "If you take a view a country is not a state, clearly you have a view on its appropriateness for UN membership" Mr Evans said yesterday.

However, Mr Olter may be in for a happy surprise. British diplomatic sources, perhaps fearful of a diplomatic sally that might offend the US, said that, with the arrival yesterday of Lord Caithness, minister of state at the Foreign Office, a happier outcome might emerge.

The nation, made up of the four states of Pohnpei, Truk, Yap and Kosrae, and 603 other volcanic islands and coral atolls, was liberated by the Americans during the second world war. It became a UN trust territory under US administration and signed a compact of free association with the US in 1986 under which the Americans retained residual control of defence and foreign affairs. The UN finally terminated its trusteeship last December, paving the way for the federated states to apply for membership.

The main items to be discussed at the forum this year include global warming, which could cause sea levels to rise, this threatening the islands, French nuclear testing, driftnet fishing and other ecological issues.



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Superpowers wind up nine years of talks on nuclear arsenals

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

AFTER nine years of protracted talks, Soviet and American negotiators initialled yesterday the most complicated and ambitious arms control agreement ever struck between the superpowers.

Linton Brooks, the American chief negotiator in Geneva, and Yuri Nazarkin, his Soviet counterpart, initialled the four copies of the agreement, two in English and two in Russian, which will be sent to Moscow for signature by presidents Bush and Gorbachev tomorrow.

The treaty is the first that requires the two superpowers to reduce their huge stocks of long-range nuclear weapons, rather than regulating any increase. America and the Soviet Union are now committed to cutting their arsenals by a third, and between them will have to destroy about 7,000 nuclear warheads. The Soviet stockpile will come down from about 11,000 to 7,000 and the American from about 12,000 to 9,000.

The treaty was first proposed by President Reagan in 1982, at a time of tension when both sides were increasing their defence budgets. It was almost aborted in 1983 when the Russians walked out of the talks. But the pace of negotiations quickened as American-Soviet relations improved. In recent months, the chief negotiators have met every morning to decide which issues needed their attention. Their deputies have held up to 18 meetings a day this month in an effort to get the treaty completed before the summit.

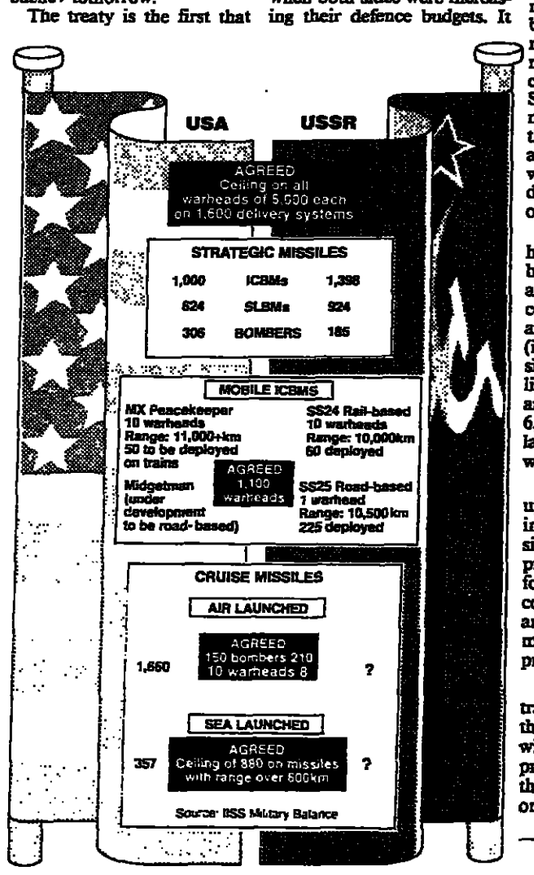
The treaty is to last for 15 years, renewable for successive five-year periods. It has been almost complete for months, but has been delayed by disagreement on three technical issues: the encryption of missile test-flight data; the checks to ensure that the Soviet Union did not improve missiles to the point where they became new missiles; and a "downloading" formula whereby Moscow would reduce the number of warheads on present missiles.

At first, negotiators had hoped to cut nuclear arsenals by half, but settled for less ambitious targets. The agreed ceilings for each superpower's arsenal are 1,600 launchers (intercontinental ballistic missiles, submarine-launched ballistic missiles such as Trident, and long-range bombers) and 6,000 warheads (bombs, air-launched missiles or missile warheads).

Much of the treaty is taken up with the vexed issue of inspection. In the most intrusive regime yet agreed, it provides for 12 different forms of inspection to verify compliance by the other side, and 80 kinds of notification of military activities to increase predictability and trust.

Both sides agree not to transfer strategic weapons to third countries, though there will be no interference with present arrangements such as the supply of American weapons to Britain.

Peter Stothard, page 12





Clean sweep: a woman mopping in front of Lenin's tomb in Moscow yesterday in preparation for President Bush's visit to Red Square today

Brooklyn Jews seek summit return

By BRUCE CLARK

THE success of the superpower summit will be measured not only in missiles destroyed or trade concessions granted, but also in the fate of about 12,000 yellowing tomes. These sacred Jewish texts, now housed in Moscow's Lenin Library, represent what one rabbi calls the "distillation of Hassidic experience in Russia".

For the first time since 1927, when Stalin exiled its leader and drove its followers underground, the Lubavitch movement, born two centuries ago in Belorussia but now directed from Brooklyn, has been holding its annual European conference in the Soviet Union. The movement wants to transfer to New York the unique books and manuscripts that the last Lubavitch leader left behind.

President Bush handed President Gorbachev a letter about the collection last week in London, and US diplomats have said the matter will again be raised in Moscow. But Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, the Soviet foreign minister, said that Soviet Jews want the library to stay in Moscow.

Defiant Yeltsin signs accord with Lithuania

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

BORIS Yeltsin, the Russian president, defied the central Soviet authorities yesterday by refusing to withdraw his decree banning the Communist party from workplaces and putting his name to an agreement that effectively recognized Lithuania as an independent state.

Speaking to reporters after signing an accord with the Lithuanian leader, Vytautas Landsbergis, Mr Yeltsin said he rejected the criticism of his decree that was voiced last week by senior Communist officials, including Mikhail Gorbachev, the party leader. The Russian president said he had made clear during his recent election campaign that he intended to ban party political activity in factories and government offices, a traditional source of influence for the Communists.

"This is not a move against civil liberty", he said. "It is against the monopoly of one party." His aim was to ensure that last year's formal abolition of the Communist monopoly on power was translated into practice throughout the Russian Federation. He said that any move by the central authorities to overrule his decree could ruin the climate of reconciliation and consensus between himself and President Gorbachev.

Mr Yeltsin's remarks made clear that he would not abide by a request from the constitutional court to suspend the decree while an investigation into its legality was conducted. A senior adviser to Mr Yeltsin, the liberal Communist deputy, Sergei Stankhrai, softened the impact of the president's words, however, by emphasising that "violent administrative methods" will not be used to enforce the measure, which takes effect on August 3.

The loathing with which Communist hardliners view Mr Yeltsin will be exacerbated by the accord between Russia and Lithuania. The accord's successful conclusion and precise wording were in doubt until minutes before the signing ceremony. Its most controversial provisions include a reference to the Soviet "annexation" of Lithuania in 1940 and an acceptance that Russia and Lithuania recognise one another as sovereign entities on the basis of the declarations of statehood each has adopted. The text specifically refers to Lithuania's proclamation of independence in March 1990.

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Moscow passport fee soars

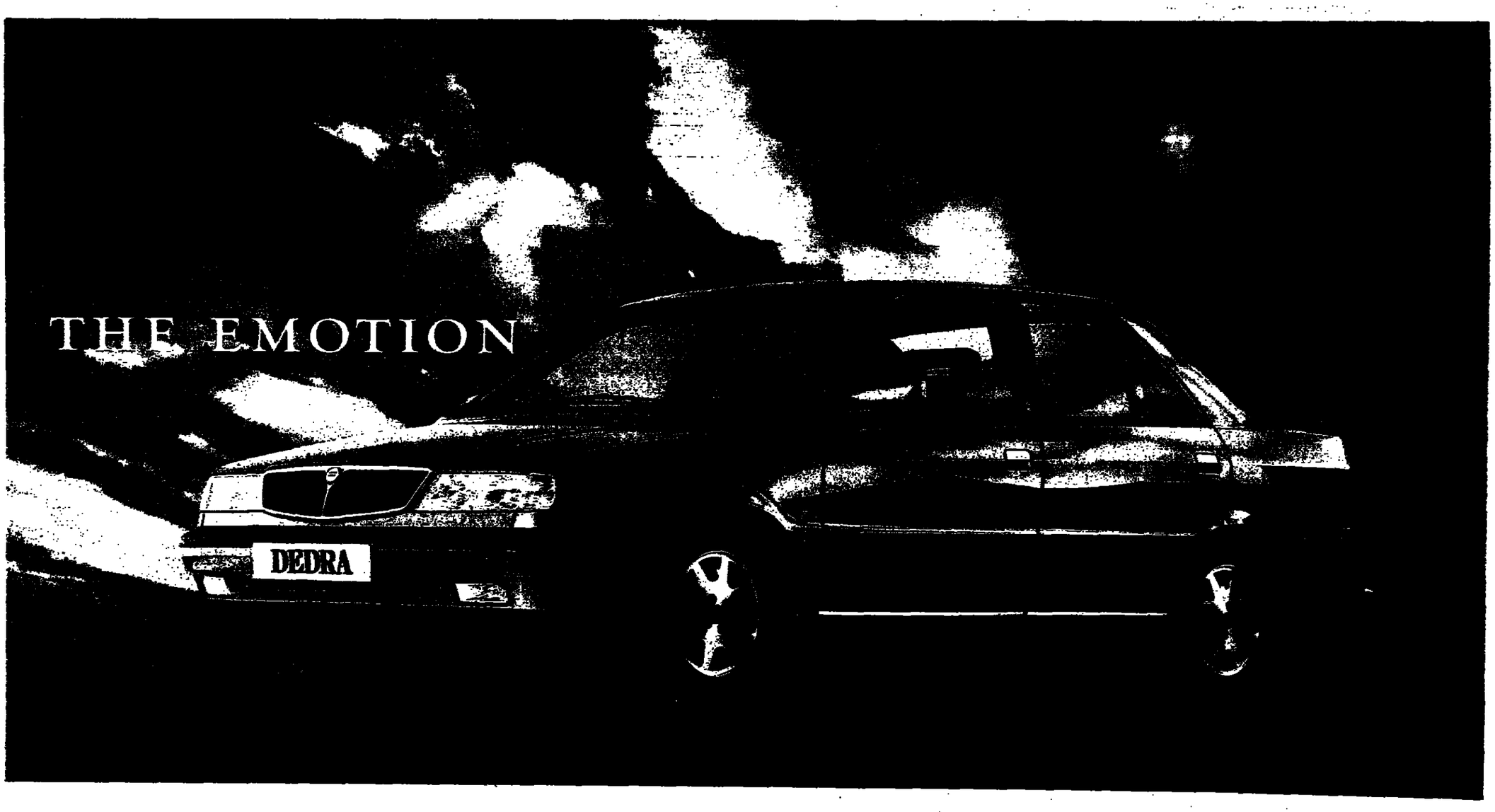
From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

SOVIET citizens planning to take advantage of freer foreign travel had an unpleasant shock yesterday when the government published a new scale of charges for issuing passports and other services. The fee for obtaining a passport to go abroad has been increased to 1,000 roubles (£1,000 at the official exchange rate), over three times the average monthly pay.

Previously, the charge for a passport was one rouble, but a separate visa and passport were required for each trip abroad. The fee for an exit visa was 200 roubles for travel to the West and 30 roubles for travel to Eastern Europe, but these charges have also been raised.

Although war veterans and children will have to pay only half the new rates, the 1,000 rouble passport will place foreign travel beyond the reach of many Soviet citizens, even before they have paid for air or train tickets or bought their small allocation of foreign currency.

A steep rise in charges for passports had been predicted since the controversial law on entry and exit was passed by the Soviet parliament in May.



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Serb militias put Croat villagers under siege

From TIM JUDAH IN SISAK

SIXTEEN mortar shells fell on Komarevo yesterday morning. This predominantly Croatian village 40 miles southeast of Zagreb is under siege, surrounded on three sides by hostile Serb territory. "This was not the beginning of the real attack," the local commander of the Croatian national guard said. "They're just testing the ground."

The shells caused no damage in Komarevo yesterday but nervous guardsmen had barricaded the entrance to the village with a lorry bearing the inscription "mines".

The attack on Komarevo came after a weekend of clashes that claimed scores of lives. On Sunday evening the bodies of nine Croat policemen and national guardsmen were delivered to Sisak hospital after they had been killed in the village of Struga, now held by Serb militiamen. Throughout Sunday and yesterday rumours circulated in Zagreb that up to 40 civilians had also been killed in the village, which lies on the border of Bosnia-Hercegovina. But yesterday morning Zarko Domljan, the Speaker of the Croatian parliament, said: "We cannot confirm yet that these people have been killed. All we know is that they have been taken away to an unknown destination."

In Komarevo yesterday a cameraman for Croatian television said that he had talked to a man who had been at Struga when civilians were killed. He said: "The man told me that the people had been used as a human shield by the Chetniks (Serb nationalist militiamen). As they approached our police there was confusion and they lay down or ran off. It was at this point that they were killed."

Asked whether it would be safe to drive on to Struga, some 40 miles to the south of Komarevo, the national guard commander jabbed his forehead with his index finger and said: "Snipers." For the past six weeks Komarevo had been preparing for war. On his map the national guard commander pointed out villages marked in green and those marked in pink. Komarevo was the final dash of green at the end of a narrow strip of land surrounded by dashes of pink.

Most women and children have left Komarevo, the last having been evacuated on Friday as mortar shells fell on Croatian villages near Glina, 15 miles away. For the past month and a half the national guard have been camped in Komarevo schools. The Kalashnikov assault rifles and field telephones make for an ugly contrast with the children's paintings. In the teacher's common room mattresses cover the floor and thick green drapes had been hung over the windows and newspaper over the lamps. Every night the village is attacked with machine gun fire from the surrounding woods, so a blackout is essential.

A trench had been dug in front of the school, the field facing it had been mined. Exhausted guardsmen and police sleep under the stairs after nights on end on watch. Others play cards while those on duty check the little traffic that comes down the village's main street. Nearby is a hamlet which has been abandoned by their Serb inhabitants.

"We are strategically vital," explained the guards commander drawing aside the curtain. "If they take Komarevo they can shell all that." He was pointing to the valley below where the oil refinery and the whole of the industrial zone of the town of Sisak lay exposed. Asked how many men he had, he refused to answer saying only: "We have enough to face infantry. But not tanks."





Bouquets and bullets: two Croat women mourning at the funeral of a civilian killed near the village of Struga, as, right, a heavily-armed Serb militiaman prepares to fight

EC rules out peace force

From TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN Community foreign ministers yesterday ruled out any armed intervention by a Western European Union peacekeeping force in Yugoslavia.

Instead the ministers decided to increase the number of EC monitors in the country, and backed the formation of joint peacekeeping patrols operated by the Yugoslav federal army and the Croatian militia. Later in the week another EC "troika" of ministers will visit Yugoslavia to discuss ways of achieving a lasting ceasefire while constitutional reform can take place.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said the crisis could easily have a spillover effect. "If they fall into a pattern of daily killings there is a danger for all of us in Europe." He said a Macedonian representative invited to the meeting had "spoken eloquently and begged us that Yugoslavia should not become another Lebanon".

The only foreign minister to favour the immediate dispatch of peacekeeping troops was Jacques Poos of Luxembourg. France, which last week appeared to back a WEU-led force, suggested that the EC monitors could be armed with hand guns, but the Dutch presidency opposed this.

Mr Hurd indicated that the dispatch of any armed troops to Yugoslavia would only be undertaken if the crisis worsened considerably. "A ceasefire can't be established by military force," he said. "I wouldn't rule out peacekeeping eventually, but it would have to be carried out under the WEU."

The Yugoslav prime minister, Ante Markovic, who met the ministers over lunch, said the most urgent priority was to establish a ceasefire. "The country faces economic collapse and anarchy," he said.

Dam project flounders in a nationalist flood

On the third leg of his journey down the Danube, **Roger Boyes** finds the river barrage at Nagymaros, an excavated outline of a stalinist folly on pharaonic scale

VICTORIAN travel guides suggest a Sunday outing from Budapest to a pleasant township tucked in the woods at the foot of the Borzsony mountains. There was wine, raspberries and, on the other side of the Danube, the majestic ruins of the renaissance palace of Visegrad.

Nowadays, this spectacular panorama includes a dark, expansive hole with discarded digging machines. This is Nagymaros barrage, the last grand folly of socialism. Nagymaros was a battle, the decisive encounter that shattered the resolve of the Hungarian communist leadership. The original plan was pharaonic in scope: to dam the Danube at Dunakiliti to flood about a 30-mile stretch of the river backing up almost to Bratislava. The stored water would then be routed into a canal running parallel to the Danube, about six miles inside Slovakia, and flow on to the Gabcikovo hydroelectric plant and shipping lock. Further along, the canal would rejoin the Danube. The project only made sense if it linked up with a dam in Nagymaros, 60 miles downriver. Together Gabcikovo and Nagymaros would regulate the Danube and guarantee peak-time electricity for Slovak industry. There would be other advantages too: flood control, especially for Czechoslovakia, and improved navigation.

After Stalin's death the scheme was shelved, but the oil price explosion of the 1970s and the need to boost investment in Czechoslovakia after the 1968 Soviet-led invasion put the dam back on the agenda. By 1978 work had begun.

When socialism cracked, so did the dam. The benefits were always weighted towards the Czechoslovaks but the Hungarians, under pressure from Comecon, played along.

A modest "Association for the Friends of the Danube" started in 1982, made up of intellectuals and students. By 1984, the renamed Danube Circle was able to collect a petition of at least 10,000 signatures against the dam project.

While environmentalists in Slovakia were — and continue to be — brushed off by the authorities, the Danube Circle made a big impact. In July 1989 the Hungarian authorities decided to stop work on the Nagymaros dam.

The victors did not go on to create a strong green movement in the post-communist political landscape. As a result there is no longer the same pressure on the Hungarian government to scrap the project.

Here, then, is a sign of the times in East European politics. A single-issue protest movement achieved a key policy reversal from the communists. Now, in the post-communist era, not water and wildlife, but ethnic and nationalist issues define the problem and its possible solution. Slovakia is determined to complete the project.

Next stop: Budapest



France 'will need immigrants'

From JOHN PHILLIPS IN PARIS

FRENCH dependence on immigrant labour is likely to last into the next century because of declining birth rates and the progressive ageing of the population, according to a report published yesterday.

Research by the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies estimates that the active population of France will continue to increase until 2005, reaching a plateau at some 26 million people. But thereafter France is likely to suffer a serious manpower shortage, say the authors of the report, Didier Blanchet and Olivier Marchand. Extending the retirement age, bringing more women into the labour force and providing more productivity bonuses will help to cope with the shortfall, the report says. But it underlines that by 2010 renewed immigration may be needed.

Immigration has returned to centre stage in French politics because of growing unemployment, which exceeded 2.7 million people for the first time last month, and riots by unemployed youths in multiracial suburbs of Paris and Lyons. Edith Cresson, the prime minister, responded to the violence by sending more CRS riot police to the affected areas and spending extra money on sports centres, apprenticeship schemes and rural summer holidays for disadvantaged youngsters.

Fears of fresh rioting in the Parisian ghettos have not been realised so far. But there have been clashes in southern towns after demonstrations by Algerians who fought with France during the Algerian war of independence, and their descendants.

PARIS NOTEBOOK by John Phillips

Literati throw stones at glass towers

Work on President Mitterrand's grandiose project to build the largest library in the world on the banks of the Seine has been suspended amid growing concern by librarians worldwide that the plan is architectural and financial folly.

Emile Biasini, the secretary of state for great works, agreed to a request by the office of the mayor of Paris, Jacques Chirac, for construction of the Bibliothèque de France at Tolbiac on the left bank to be halted. Technically, the delay was granted to allow the town hall to find homes for a group of 200 squatters who are occupying part of the 17-acre site.

But M Chirac's office is known to hope that the Elysée Palace will use the breathing space to revise radically or abandon the proposed design by Dominique Perrault before the construction reaches an irreversible stage.

Critics of M Perrault's project, such as Professor Patrice Higgonet, a lecturer in French history at Harvard, questioned the architect's idea of storing the precious collection now housed at the Bibliothèque Nationale in four 280ft-high glass towers. Readers would be relegated to ground floor or basement rooms and the books would be protected, theoretically at least, from heat and sunshine by a system of wooden blinds.

"Managers and bureaucrats are about to play poker with the survival of an irreplaceable collection that represents the heart of the collective memory of the nation," Professor Higgonet told *Le Figaro* yesterday. He urged M Mitterrand to set up a committee of foreign experts to review the project and suggested that the committee should be headed by Kenneth Cooper, the director of the new British Library.

Another ambitious official building project has divided French authorities. Brice Lalonde, the environment minister, has joined forces with the curators of the Camargue, the Mediterranean nature reserve famed for its wild horses and unspoiled white beaches. The curators are trying to prevent the French army from building an electronic listening post in the park for military intelligence purposes.

The defence ministry has argued that it did not need to seek planning permission for the sensitive building because it is a military secret. But M Lalonde says that the plan violates legislation protecting agricultural areas.

French intelligence experts say that the Camargue is an ideal spot for listening to signal traffic in North Africa and the Middle East because there are no cities or airports near by to interfere with radio monitoring.

French riders did better overall this year in the Tour de France, but the victory of yet another foreigner, this time the Spaniard, Miguel Indurain, was depressing for many local fans.

One consolation for French enthusiasts was the introverted, sphinx-like character of Indurain. He sat through fiesta celebrations held until the early hours yesterday at the fashionable Casbah disco, shocking the hospitable Spanish ambassador, Gabriel Ferrande Alfaro, by resolutely refusing to drink.

EC talks may lead to Gatt deal

Brussels — The European Community's chief negotiator in the Uruguay round of world trade talks said he hopes that a meeting with American trade officials in Brussels today can pave the way to a new Gatt trade agreement by the end of the year (Tom Walker writes).

In an effort to break the deadlock that has lasted since the Uruguay talks broke down in Brussels in December, the commission has proposed a radical reform of its common agricultural policy that would cut price supports paid to its nine million farmers.

Unlike the EC, the United States insists that the key to getting talks going again is for the EC to make a firm commitment to reforming the common agricultural policy, which the United States blames for deflating world agricultural markets. The common agricultural policy costs 35 billion ECUs (£25 billion) a year.

Floods kill 65

Bucharest — At least 65 people drowned and dozens were missing after floods swept through 17 villages in eastern Romania. Floodwater from a burst dam swept away more than 500 houses, damaging a further 1,500 and leaving 13,000 people homeless near the city of Bacau, 200 miles northeast of here. *(Reuter)*

Rebels captured

Manila — Philippine security forces have captured three communist rebel members of the New People's Army who were allegedly involved in the 1989 murder of an American army colonel and the kidnapping in 1986 of a Japanese business executive, police said here. *Reuter)*

Noodles death

Hong Kong — A lorry driver eating noodles at a street stall outside a block of flats here was struck dead by a flowerpot, thrown down by a resident angry at the noise from the stall in the early hours. Police are still searching for the assailant. *(Reuter)*

Shamir stands firm on Palestinian delegates

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL yesterday insisted that James Baker, the American Secretary of State, return to the Middle East to settle the procedural differences between Israel and Palestinians that have blocked progress on Washington's peace initiative.

The announcement, made by Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, means that Israel will not respond to the American peace offer before President Bush begins his summit talks in Moscow today. Washington had earlier said it would like an Israeli reply before the superpower meeting, and had hoped to issue invitations to the states in the region to attend a peace conference in Washington before the end of the year.

But Mr Shamir made it clear yesterday that his right-wing government would still refuse to back down on its insistence to have veto power over who represents the Palestinians at the proposed talks. "There is no room for compromise on this issue," Mr Shamir said bluntly, referring to Israel's demand that no members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation or Palestinians from Arab east Jerusalem be allowed to attend the talks.

"If Baker arrives in the next few days, we will be able to conclude during his visit the matters blocking the process," the Israeli leader declared. He added that if the Palestinian delegation were acceptable to him, the conference could take place soon.

Mr Shamir's remarks are bound to infuriate Mr Baker, who last week left Jerusalem at the end of his fifth tour of the region with apparent confidence that Israel would respond "shortly" and positively to the American peace proposals, which already have been accepted by all the main Arab states, including Syria.

At first his confidence seemed to be justified as Israeli ministers in the Likud-led government came out in strong support for dialogue and made unprecedented comments welcoming the change of direction by President Assad of Syria. Even Mr Shamir, in talks with a visiting American delegation, went as far as to compare the Syrian leader with Anwar Sadat, the late Egyptian president who made peace with Israel.

However, in the latter half of last week Israel appeared to harden its position and set new and tougher preconditions, insisting that it would not respond without "clarifications" from the United States.

"We do not owe any answers," said Mr Shamir yesterday. "We are expecting answers from the Americans. It is a matter of clarification."

It is now expected that the Secretary of State will return to Israel on Thursday for more talks with the Israeli leadership, probably retracing his well-trodden path to the Arab capitals, as well. It is unclear, however, how Mr Baker intends to bridge the gap between the Palestinians, who insist on having a representative from east Jerusalem at the talks, and the Israelis, who will not attend if one is present.

Only David Levy, the Israeli foreign minister who has consistently been more conciliatory than his leader during the extensive diplomatic exchanges with the Americans, seemed to retain some optimism yesterday as he set off for his first visit to Egypt.

"We must now advance to a meeting which will bring about direct negotiations and we must not, therefore, now raise difficulties, conditions and obstacles because we must not miss this opportunity," Mr Levy said.

Desert bazaar feeds Iraq starved of rice and tyres

From ADAM KELLIHER IN ZARQA, JORDAN

WHISKY, beer and tomato paste sat on the desk of Emad Aljibouri, just some of the samples of goods he dispatches to satiate increasingly rapacious appetites in Iraq.

The Iraqi trader moved his bulky frame slightly but did not blink when asked about the logistics of evading the UN sanctions regime under which most trade with Baghdad is banned.

"The United States and England say that they do not sell, but they sell through third parties and know all about it", he said during an interview in his warehouse crammed mostly with alcohol and cigarettes destined for Baghdad. "It is good business."

As the sanctions cause greater scarcities in Iraq, there has been a commensurate increase in business in Jordan, the main conduit for all goods to be shipped overland because normal trade has been disrupted across Baghdad's frontiers with Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

Amman's supermarkets are looking quite depleted these days, either by visiting Iraqis who stock up before returning home, or because suppliers are rediverting goods to the more profitable market next door.

"This is the only country that opens its door to us. The others are all shut," one Iraqi named Abed, who came to Aman mainly to buy groceries, said. "It is hard to imagine such a small country supplying a nation of 18 million." The business boom is most observable in the free trade zone at Zarqa, an area in a stretch of bleak desert about 25 miles northeast of Amman in which goods are duty-free if shipped out of Jordan.

The main administrative hall bustles with mercantalist energy comparable to any big stock exchange. Traders bellow prices for Brazilian sugar, Thai rice, Indian ghee or Lebanese orange juice. Middlemen engage in furious debates with rivals who have undercut their price. Others scurry about with sheafs of papers in search of the official hieroglyph that will allow them to take their assignments away.

Outside, workers stack lorries with tyres, which are chronically scarce in Iraq. Large yards are filled with dust-caked luxury cars, many left by Palestinians and Jordanians who fled Kuwait and then could not afford to pay the duty when entering Jordan.

Humanitarian goods and medicines are exempt from the embargo, and all of the goods seen in Zarqa were basic consumer items with no apparent strategic application, unless shipping in goods to prevent hunger is seen as supporting Saddam Hussein.

Officials running the zone did not want to talk about trade volumes, or sanction implications. If a customer pays the bills and takes the goods, no questions are asked about the destination.

"Investors should not be Israelis or South Africans", said Muhammad Abu Mureb, one of the managers. "All other nationalities are welcome." Mr Aljibouri said that his operation had expanded threefold since Janary, and that he is sending about 80 lorries, each laden with about £24,000 worth of food to Iraq each week.

He had the air of someone who can arrange just about anything, and was blasé about the recent inconvenience caused by allied naval vessels intercepting a ship in the Red Sea, diverting 22 containers of Carlsberg beer to Port Said. The delay did not matter, he said; Iraq's hunger for imports was endless. Though he added: "I don't know where they get the cash".

Baghdad ready to export oil

From REUTER IN JAKARTA

IRAQ has the capacity to export one million barrels of oil a day the moment the United Nations revokes trade sanctions, Muhammad Saeed al-Sahaf, the Iraqi minister of state for foreign affairs, said yesterday.

He told reporters after meeting President Suharto of Indonesia that most of the oil facilities damaged during the Gulf war had been repaired.

"We are ready to export oil, the moment the (UN) allows us," Mr al-Sahaf said after delivering a letter to Mr Suharto from President Sadam Hussein. "Now our capacity, roughly speaking, is a little less than one million barrels a day and we are (further) developing our capacity."

Usama al-Hiti, the Iraqi oil minister, said in an interview published on Sunday that his government saw no problems in reopening its export pipelines to Saudi Arabia and Turkey. He said last month that Iraq hoped to be producing its Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) quota of 3.2 million barrels a day by the end of next year. Just before Iraq invaded Kuwait last August, the country had an export quota of 3.14 million barrels a day.

Mr al-Sahaf described as immoral the sanctions which have blocked Iraq's trade with the world for nearly a year. He said the sanctions, imposed by the UN in response to the invasion of Kuwait on August 2, 1990, were causing food and medicine shortages in Iraq.

"Now the situation in our country is back to normal, we are working actively to rebuild our country, the only real obstacle are the sanctions," he said.

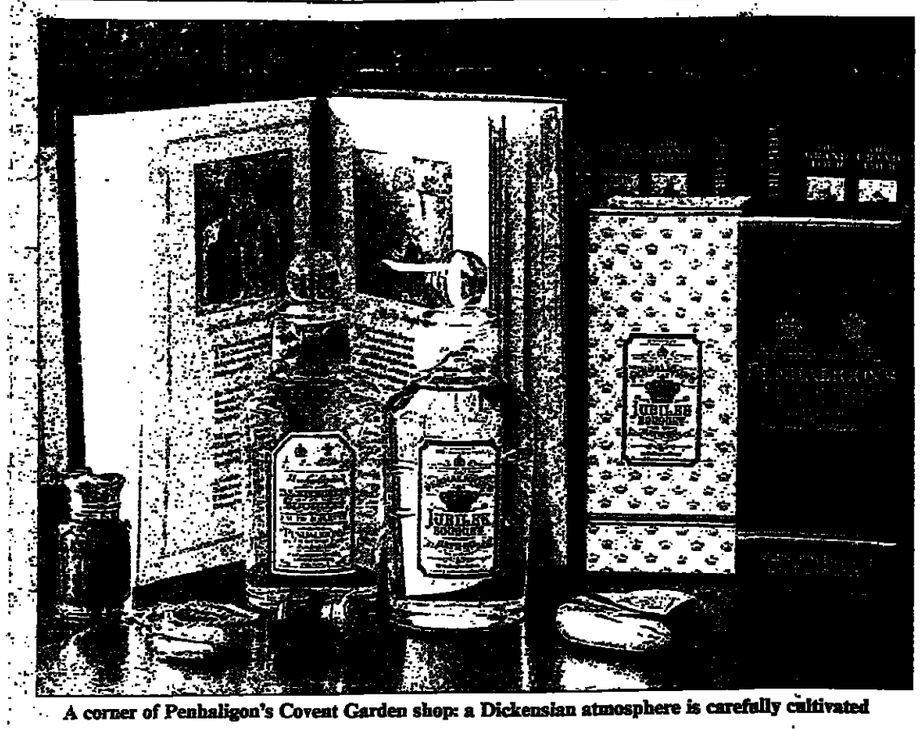
Iraq has asked the UN to ease the embargo so it can sell oil to buy food and medicine. The UN Security Council is examining the request but some members say safeguards are needed to make sure Baghdad does not divert food from the needy.

● Nicosia: Iraq will start next week to return gold and bank notes stolen from Kuwait during the seven-month occupation of the emirate, the Iraqi news agency said in a dispatch monitored here.

The news agency, quoting an Iraqi foreign ministry source, said the looted property would be returned in line with UN accords and will be handed back to Kuwaiti authorities in the Saudi region of Aaraar starting on August 5. *(AFP)*

Liz Smith meets the woman who transformed an ailing perfumery business into an international empire

ALASTAIR LAIDLAW



A corner of Penhaligon's Covent Garden shop: a Dickensian atmosphere is carefully cultivated

Dabbing on the sweet smell of success

Sheila Pickles is a perfumier whose nose is more often buried in a book of poetry than a scent bottle. Ms Pickles is the head of Penhaligon's, the gentlemen's perfumiers she salvaged from extinction in 1975 and has developed into an international empire. She is passionate about poetry, and loves the whiff of the leather-bound books she inherited from her grandmother – believed to be the first woman to read classics at London university – almost as much as their contents.

The same romanticism has driven Ms Pickles to preserve and develop the legacy of design she acquired in 1975, when she bought what remained of the barber shop established by William Henry Penhaligon in London in 1870.

By the time Ms Pickles stepped in, the Penhaligon's shop in Bury Street, St James's, had gone. All that was left was a collection of old labels, eight formula books, eight products (four of which were hairdressing lotions) and the goodwill of a dwindling list of loyal customers which had once included Noël Coward, Gertrude Lawrence and the Duke of Edinburgh. The film director Franco Zeffirelli, for whom Ms Pickles had worked in Rome for five years, and with whom she had shopped at Penhaligon's original St James's shop on visits to London, prompted her to try to resuscitate the business.

She started up with just three colognes – Hammam Bouquet, Blenheim Bouquet and Penhaligon's eau-de-Cologne. By then, English Fern was made only as a bath essence, and she abandoned the hair products. "I knew nothing about the perfumery business," she says. "I went into it with this odd mix of ignorance and arrogance. But I never had any doubt I would succeed. I am a Scorpio. Failure just does not come into it."

The formulae she inherited clearly had a cult following, especially Hammam, the spicy mix of sandalwood, jasmine and attar of rose created in 1872 and named after the St James's Turkish baths. Hammam Bouquet, the most expensive of Penhaligon's men's fragrances, costs £32 for 100ml of aftershave, £26 for 50ml eau de toilette spray, and £70 for 30ml extract. But Ms Pickles takes the greatest pleasure in the vintage Victorian labels, with their clean-cut script, and the more flowery Edwardian designs whose originals are framed on her office walls and which are recreated to incorporate all the blurb required on perfumery products these days. "Dermaline contains no perfume *whatsoever*," she reads with relish from one of William Henry's obsolete labels.

Penhaligon's, for Ms Pickles, is a select international club of cognoscenti, mostly men, who come to buy traditional colognes and balms in vintage packaging. She moved into Covent Garden in 1975, as the apple carts in the market pulled out, opening her first Penhaligon's shop in Wellington Street. The Dickensian air is carefully cultivated, with mahogany display cabinets and an old brass bell to punch for attention. Today it is the showcase shop in a chain of four in London, with branches in Bath, Chester and York and a corner in Bergdorf Goodman in New York.

The bottle design is authentic. When Ms Pickles took on the company, flat rectangular stoppers were in use, sealed with a loop of velvet ribbon. In 1977 William Henry's great-granddaughter, Renée Gold, materialised with an original bottle, and the ball stopper was reinstated.

The success of Penhaligon's, Ms Pickles believes, is based on a triangular relationship between her "nose" (the perfumier with whom she develops the formula of a scent), the designer of the packaging, and herself. All three have been in action recently to create Cornubia, the latest Penhaligon's fragrance and the first specifically created for women. "I wanted an evening scent that was exotic and mysterious but not vulgar or too punchy," she says. The result is a combination of clove and coriander, with Egyptian violet leaves and Moroccan and Turkish roses, on a base of vanilla, sandalwood and vetyver.

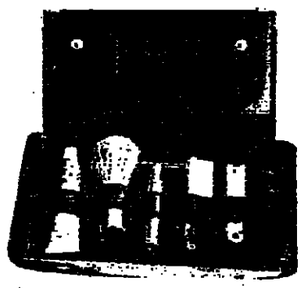
Madeleine Bennett, when she was at Michael Peters, the design company, worked with Ms Pickles on the distinctive Penhaligon's design formula we recognise today. The design of Cornubia, however, is the work of Flo Bayley, her current consultant, who has turned the name on its side and embossed it on gold. The familiar Penhaligon's bottle is dressed in a star-studded purple box and has a fat gold bow at its neck. Cornubia goes on sale in September, the eau de toilette priced from £25 for 30ml, and the full-strength extract £60 for 30ml.

The scents may be packaged to look as though they have been brewed at the back of the shop but they are produced in Penhaligon's high-technology headquarters in north London. Ms Pickles takes no notice of trends in the trade. "I listen to my customers," she says. She is surprised to be asked how Penhaligon's products are tested. "What do you mean, tested? I wear it. My sister wears it. My husband always says proudly that his is the head on which Bluebell shampoo was tested."

In 1987 she decided she needed a partner to support her plans for international expansion. Laura Ashley, another company built on the nostalgic vision of one woman, stepped in and bought Penhaligon's, leaving Ms Pickles to do what she enjoys best, thinking up new products. A year ago, when Laura Ashley's own business began to falter, it had to shed Penhaligon's. The Limited, the American mail order and stores chain, took over the company for $12.8 million. Leslie Wexner, the head of The Limited, is a Penhaligon's customer of many years. "He is my knight in shining armour," Ms Pickles says.



Sheila Pickles of Penhaligon's: she "never had any doubt" that her business venture would succeed



In the bag: the 48-hour kit

Penhaligon's range has expanded to include scented candles, room sprays and pot-pourri, as well as bristle brushes, shaving soap bowls and scent bottles in gilded silver and enamel. A range of grooming "requisites", packaged in navy or burgundy leather and in a choice of mock ivory, nickel, slate, chrome and silver plate, has been launched. A grooming-kit roll costs £95; the smaller 48-hour kit pictured is £65.

There are also Penhaligon's books, anthologies of poetry, prose and diary snippets on the Grand Tour, summer, Christmas, flowers and love. Each costs £12.95 and there are a million in print. She has been asked to do a book on scent, but turned it down: "I find all those engravings of 17th century Frenchmen in gauntlets and endless pictures of lavender fields in Norfolk deeply boring."

Less is still more

The DIY furnishings of the past are back in fashion

A new simplicity is appearing in interior decoration. Elaborate paint finishes are giving way to a more basic patina, in the style of old Tuscan walls. The simpler lines of folk furnishings are also becoming popular with those whose homes are reflecting a penchant for functionalism.

Folk furnishings, variously termed "artisan", "primitive", "naive" or "vernacular", were created in pre-industrial days to meet practical needs. If you wanted to store goods, you made a chest, which you might also paint if it were on show in a living room.

Now rustic furniture and other household objects from the 18th and 19th centuries are becoming more popular, both in their original state and as reproductions.

Original folk furnishings can be difficult to track down and it is usually a question of browsing through antiques shops or attending twice-yearly sales of country furniture at Sotheby's auctions at Billingshurst, West Sussex.

The Crane Gallery, 171a Sloane Street, SW1 (071-235 2464), specialises in 19th century British and American folk furnishings, such as paintings, patchworks, shop signs, samplers, decoy ducks, farmyard utensils, ceramics, cushions and weather vanes. A selection of country furniture is usually in stock.

Andras Kalman, the director of the gallery and the driving force behind Bath's Museum of English Naive Art, believes that English naive art is an endangered species.

"In the United States, non-academic art has attracted great collectors and prices are up to a hundred times those of their transatlantic counterparts," he says.

Other folk furnishing sources in London include Alistair Sampson's antique shop, 156 Brompton Road, SW3 (071-589 5272), which stocks country furniture, ceramics and paintings. Primitive English paintings are also sold at the Rutland Gallery, 32a St George Street, W1 (071-499 5636).

John Lewis of Hungerford, in Berkshire, has a new range of traditional wooden pieces, including settles, dressers, dining tables and chairs in blues, burgundy and green, burnished to give the appearance of old paint. Prices start at £170 for a chair and £595 for a table. The furniture is available by mail order from John Lewis (0488 682066) and at Liberty, Regent Street, W1 (071-734 1234) and The General Trading Company, 144 Sloane Street, SW1 (071-730 0411).

Just as simple are the furnishings at the Shaker Shop in London. New chairs and benches are now in the shop, and all the furniture is also available in kit form. A mail order catalogue costs £3 from the Shaker Shop, 25 Harcourt Street, W1 (071-724 7672).

NICOLE SWENGLEY

Strike while the iron's hot



David Baillie holds hickory-shafted (right) and modern clubs

A big win by a professional golfer sends ordinary players scurrying to buy their clubs

Golf is an extraordinarily difficult game. The ball is very small, the lump on the end of the club very small, and the shaft very long. To the beginner, bringing off a clean strike between club head and ball seems a formidable feat of coordination. Yet all golfers, even beginners, want to play like Ian Woosnam or Nick Faldo. This means that they are vulnerable to the suggestion that their equipment is faulty if they do not.

Originally, golf clubs had wooden shafts, usually of hickory. As the names suggest, irons had metal heads and woods had wooden heads. Some time about the 1930s, shafts began to be made of steel, which was stronger and more flexible.

In the past 20 years or so, golf has become a worldwide industry, dominated by the United States and the Far East. The rise of multi-national giants like Wilson, Taylor Made, Dunlop and Slazenger, Ping and Mizuno has coincided with a period of innovation in golf club design and materials.

When the Australian Ian Baker-Finch won the Open this month, he did so using a set of those now familiar golfing solecisms, metal woods – clubs the same shape as the old-style wood, but with metal heads. But they were also graphite-shafted. It now seems reasonable to expect a run on graphite-shafted metal woods in sports and club professionals' shops over the next few months. The question is, do the new clubs improve the golfer's game, or are they simply high-technology fashion accessories?

"If there's one thing a golfer loves, it's extra distance from the tee," according to the catalogue of Daiwa, maker of the clubs used by Baker-Finch. "The Excelor G3 gives you just that." And, if there's one thing a manufacturer loves to promise, it's extra yardage.

"I'm sceptical of most of the manufacturers' claims," says Alastair Cochran, a consultant to the Implements and Ball Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews (R&A), the game's governing body. "But in any case, golfers tend to make the manufacturers' claims for them. If you buy an expensive set of graphite-shafted clubs, you're not going to say that they hit shorter. You've got to

'Golfers tend to make the manufacturers' claims for them'

believe in them. And if you do, you may actually end up hitting the ball further."

Anyway, hitting the ball a long way is not normally a problem for the top professionals. David Baillie, the professional at the Dulwich and Sydenham Hill Golf Club in south London, rejects the suggestion that Baker-Finch became a big hitter only when he switched to graphite shafts. "All these guys hit it well," he says. Still, whatever the truth of Baker-Finch's recent conversion to graphite, the experts seem to agree that two recent design innovations can improve the ability of average players, or "rabbits".

One of these is actually known as "game improvement" or "peripheral weighting" irons, where the weight is redistributed in the club head so as to extend the effective striking area. The other is the "two-piece ball", consisting of a composition interior and cover, instead of the traditional core, wound with yards of rubber and finished with a cover.

With peripheral weighting and the two-piece ball, the rabbit may hope to inch a little closer to emulating his heroes. The irony is that both devices are largely scorned by the professionals, for whom control is paramount.

In the Open, Eamonn Darcy, the Irish golfer, was seen to be using a "jigger", which has an angled face intended for short approach shots to the green. "The jigger is very much a specialist club for people who have got some sort of infirmity in their game," says Peter Dobereiner, the golf course designer and author of books on the game. It was Darcy who had the last laugh, though, finishing fifth and pocketing £34,166.

Only when it comes to putters is there serious scope for design eccentricity. Mr Baillie picks three at random from the rack in his shop, all completely different. One has an absurd-looking semi-circular plate attached to the back of the club head. What is the point of it? "God knows," he says. But Mr Baillie is a good golfer, and can afford the luxury of disdain. The rest of us need all the help we can get.

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A carpet manufacturer is weaving masterpieces into rugs

Walking on works of art

IF YOU shop for your paintings in London's Bayswater Road of a Sunday, you can choose to have your sunset with palm trees in any popular household shade from peach to aquamarine. The classier the painting, in principle, the less you have to worry about whether it matches your soft furnishings. On the theory that great works of art can coexist happily with almost any décor, Egetaepper, one of Europe's leading carpet manufacturers, has reproduced a range of pictures by artists including Klee, Magritte, Kandinsky, Dali, Cocteau, Malevich and Jorn as a collection of 48 rugs.

Among the latest to join the line-up of 20th century masters is *Etude Lunaire*, a bold design in orange, brown, blue, grey and black, painted by Jean Cocteau in 1958. *Violin*, created by the Spanish Cubist artist Juan Gris in 1916, represents his distinctive style in a blend of turquoise, blue, green and black.

The Ege Axminster division of Egetaepper, a Danish company, began producing art-inspired rugs in a bid to get away from geometrically-styled "fashion" rugs with their short-lived appeal.

"We started to look at works of art which were universally considered to be timeless," says Lan Aabling, Ege Axminster's managing director. He says the rugs look equally good among antiques or contemporary furnishings.

The popularity of the designs differs little between countries. Paul Klee's *Florentinisches Villenviertel* is the best-seller, followed by Salvador Dali's *Le Grand Pavon* and Klee's *Garten Vision*.

The company continually searches for new designs that are suitable, and negotiates royalties with the artists, their agents or heirs, whose approval of the final design is sought before production commences.

Very white wool is required to achieve colour accuracy, so the rugs are made of an expensive yarn which mixes wool from New Zealand, England and China. Technical designers in the Ege studio match the colours to the original works of art, translating the pictures with the help of computers into a complex Jacquard for the looms.

Ege works with a British company, Lyle's of Dewsbury, which dyes and spins the wool to order from a bank of 300 colours. The rugs are then woven at the Ege factory in Vejle in Jutland, Denmark.

The rugs are reasonably priced, from £169 for a 2ft 8in x 4ft rug rising to £1,095 for one measuring 8ft 2in by 11ft. The designs are also available as quality reproduction posters ready for framing (£15.95).

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Etude Lunaire: computerised Cocteau



Violin: from Juan Gris's 1916 work

BRIEFING

Maple diet

LONDON, it seems, just cannot get enough of Canadian avant-garde theatre director Robert Lepage. The entire six hours of his *The Dragons' Trilogy* is coming to Riverside Studios in November, the first time the award-winning production has been seen in its entirety in Britain. The work spans 70 years in the lives of two French Canadian women. Also comes news that he is to direct *A Midsummer Night's Dream* for the National next spring, following the successful run there last year of his *Tectonic Plates*, now being filmed for Channel 4.

Diary secrets

SOAP operas and novelist Doris Lessing may seem like strange bedfellows. But research at the BBC Written Archives Centre has revealed the odd fact that 40 years ago, the author submitted a script to *Mrs Dale's Diary*. Other would-be contributors to the dreadful radio saga included Sandy Wilson, composer of *The Boy Friend*, and novelists Antonia White and Olivia Manning. None won a place on the writing team. Neither did Tom Stoppard, who once wrote an episode which sent the entire Dale clan hurtling over a cliff.

Last chance...

THE latest series of monotypes by multi-media artist Bruce McLean are described as in "stove enamel on steel". They are cheery images involving splashes of colour, scribbled words and self-portraits. At the William Jackson Gallery (071-287 2121) until Saturday.

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THEATRE

New clothes for a scruffy old friend

Benedict Nightingale recalls great moments amid the "squalor" of The Other Place, as the Royal Shakespeare Company opens its rebuilt Stratford theatre

The unveiling of the new, £1.8 million, brick-built Other Place in Stratford revives an old question. Is the architecture of a theatre much more relevant to the quality of a performance than the binding of a book to its contents? After all, we no longer worry about the picture on the dust-cover, or the feel of the cloth beneath it, once we have been swept into the story. The pages themselves could be made of spun silk or old rope for all it would matter.

Well, all right, the analogy might seem specious to somebody who had just watched *Julius Caesar* through the drizzle in Regent's Park, or sat on a hard bench in the third balcony of a West End playhouse looking at the bald patches on inaudible actors' heads, or felt the performers' hot breath on his face in a tiny, fetid pub theatre in mid-August. Nevertheless, I cannot be alone in having had unforgettable dramatic experiences in the most unlikely places and under the most adverse conditions.

Twenty-five years ago I saw Barbara Jefford play Racine's *Phèdre* in a Salford theatre fit only for an in-depth workshop for ratcatchers. The walls dripped, the seats sagged and creaked, and every two minutes the urinals could be heard noisily flushing; yet the performance blazed and soared. And 15 years ago I went to what in retrospect seems not merely the best, but the only, production of *Macbeth* I have seen. We knew for sure that Ian McKellen had "supped full with horrors" because we were in effect at the same dinner-table, uncomfortably crouched four or five yards away.

That was staged by Trevor Nunn amid the informal tat and intimate squalor of the old Other Place. So was an almost equally memorable *Othello*, again with McKellen as the villain. The theatre's short history produced a variety of formidable work. There was Ben Kingsley as a laughing Hamlet and Terry Hands's revival of the Elizabethan murder-mystery *Arden of Faversham*, and Cheryl Campbell as Nora in Adrian Noble's version of *A Doll's House*, and (Nunn again) the finest production of Jonson's *Alchemist* our generation has seen.

Nor was the theatre just a place for retuning old engines and giving worn tyres retreads. New plays were built there, among them David Edgar's study of British fascism, *Destiny*, Nick Dear's *Art of Success*, and several pieces by Pam Gems. One of these, *Piaf*, reached Broadway, and won Jane Lapotaire a Tony award for her performance as the growling chanteuse. Christopher Hampton's adaptation of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses* went further, to Hollywood.

Perhaps it is nostalgia or inverted romanticism speaking, but I suspect The Other Place succeeded because, not in spite, of its shabby, shack-like look and feel. The only way inside was via a rutted car-park, through a corrugated-iron façade, and past a couple of oversized cupboards in which the flash of skin was sometimes visible, as the performers dressed for the evening. The auditorium itself consisted mainly of grimy boards for the actors to tread on and scaffolding for the audience to perch in. It was like stepping into a carpentry shop and being privileged to watch the craftsman seriously at work. Things were being made here. Creativity, not comfort, mattered.

Now the old structure has been sold, to a theatre-loving pig-farmer, who plans to re-erect it in his native Ireland. Maybe he will make a contribution to the authorship controversy by using it to launch a Royal Bacon Company. But a more important question is how authentically the plain but smart new building will replace the old one.

'It was like stepping into a carpentry shop and being privileged to watch the craftsman seriously at work'

Theoretically, Stratford now has the best balance of theatres to be found anywhere outside London. There is the massive Royal Shakespeare Theatre with its proscenium arch, a place for epic production and larger-than-life acting. Then there is the 470-seat Swan, an elegant pastiche of an Elizabethan playhouse, with its spindly balconies high above a long apron-stage. It deserves criticism, because an actor far forward obstructsthe view from low-lying stalls; but classic after classic has achieved an easy rapport with its audience.

The Royal Shakespeare Company's chief, Adrian Noble, thinks that the audience dominates the RST, the relationship between spectator and actor is roughly equal in the Swan, but the performers will be in charge and control of The Other Place. That sounds like the kind of distinction not always obvious in practice; but it is true that anyone entering the new auditorium is likely first to notice the big, square acting area. The 250-odd spectators will sit in two narrow tiers, against the brick walls: less participants than invited voyeurs.

The intended effect is that of a stark lab where we will silently observe men and women piecing together plays both new and old: Trevor Nunn's production of Gems's *Blue Angel* on August 29, his revival of *Measure for Measure* on September 18. The architect, Michael Reardon, has tried to recreate The Other Place ethos in lesser ways, too. There is no foyer. To enter the main door is to enter the auditorium. An adjoining room is partly a coffee bar for the audience, partly a green room for the actors. Everywhere, the idea is to blend the casual with the purposeful.

Accordingly, the house-style will probably tend towards a kind of punchy minimalism: little decor, few props, couture owing less to Dior than to the Vietcong. Indeed, the RSC uses the word "workshop" rather often when talking of its new theatre's future. After the opening of Heywood's *A Woman Killed with Kindness* in October, we can expect a visit by the Polish company Gardzience, an adaptation of *The Odyssey* by the poet Derek Walcott, and a co-production of *Oedipus* with the British Asian company, Tara Arts. For all three, the theatre will be a creative smithy, a place for experiment and practical development.

How much of its output will be seen in London is, however, still unclear. The RSC sees The Other Place largely as a base for touring, and present plans are to take Nunn's opening productions on to a series of sports centres, none in the metropolis. Yet the new theatre is clearly more compatible with the Pit than is the Swan, which now regularly transfers work there. Certainly, the reappearance of The Other Place makes the RSC look inadequately housed in London. Perhaps we British should learn to think in the American way: why not drive or bus to Stratford, linked as it now is by the M40 with London, Birmingham and points north, instead of expecting Stratford always to come to us?

But meanwhile there are the more immediate questions. Can the RSC make the new brick resound as excitingly as the old corrugated iron? Or will better, as so often nowadays, actually mean worse?

● The Blue Angel *begins previews at The Other Place (0789 295623) on August 7.*



Gripping moments in the old Other Place: Willard White (Othello) and Imogen Stubbs (Desdemona) in Trevor Nunn's 1989 staging of *Othello*

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Bernstein: ceaselessly inventive in his pastiche

Most of the problems with *Candide* were caused by the book. As Leonard Bernstein's operetta to be an anti-war satire, Lillian Hellman intended when she wrote the first version, or was *Candide* to be romp, as happened when it was revived in New York under John Mauceri's baton in 1973? On disc the clear solution is to ditch the spoken words and let the songs speak for themselves without hindrance. This they do in fizzing manner in Deutsche Grammophon's recording, to be released on Monday.

For those who have forgotten their Voltaire and who care what happened to Candide, Cunégonde and Pangloss on their journeys, John Wells has provided a narration. But this is confined to the printed page of the libretto. On record there is music only: Bernstein's music, ceaselessly inventive in its mixture of pastiche and a lyricism that is almost sentimental.

Candide, it is worth recalling, was written at the same time as *West Side Story*. Bernstein was always the master of setting sharp words to sweet sounds and it is no accident that he provided some of the sharpest, not to say dyspeptic, lyrics himself, including Martin's Laughing Song, in which all is for the worst in the worst of all possible worlds.

DG has engaged a primarily operatic cast. Jerry Hadley shows an easy guilelessness as Candide and his voice wraps around the lyrics so fluently that he could well have captivated Broadway had he not opted for the City Opera and The Met instead. The flow of Candide's Meditation, "It Must Be So", which weaves its way in and out of the score, is close in feel to Tony's music in *West Side Story*. Hadley could take on that role whenever he feels like it. June Anderson has sung a few Waltz Songs in her time and has no problems in dazzling with "Glitter and Be Gay", Bernstein's bullseye parody of Gounod.

Nicolai Gedda, an old hand at operetta (albeit of the European variety), makes a number of telling appearances in Act II, especially as the swindler "I'm a low cad" Vandendur. Christa Ludwig, though, has not Gedda's fluency as the Old Lady. A pity, too, that DG could not have summoned Max Adrian from beyond the grave as Pangloss: Adolph Green, Bernstein's old Broadway collaborator, almost talks his way through.

At the helm is Bernstein himself drawing a superb performance out of the London Symphony Orchestra, from the cracking opening chords of the overture onwards, just as he did at the Barbican concert performances of *Candide* with this cast. His first words on the work, for he had never conducted his own score previously, were to be his last and, I suspect, the definitive ones.

The swaggering villains of French opera come easily to **Samuel Ramey**. Few can sing Gounod's Mephistopheles or Offenbach's Dapertutto as well as he. But his recital on Philips, excellently supported by the London Philharmonic under Julius Rudel, enters one or two of its quieter and less well-trodden corners as well. Ramey's account of the death scene of Massenet's *Don Quichotte* and Ralph's gloomy recourse to the bottle in Bizet's *La Jolie Fille de Perth* prove there is a world beyond swagger, and some operas worth reviving if he is around.

Renata Tebaldi's seventieth birthday approaches. To celebrate it, Decca has issued on CD most of her best opera sets, together with a selection of recordings she made with Alberto Erede when she was not yet 30. The latter show her prowess in Puccini, especially as Tosca and Butterfly. But best of all is Act III of *Aida* complete, with her regular partner, Mario del Monaco, at her side.

JOHN HIGGINS

TELEVISION

Cops, kipper ties and self-sufficiency

What's new in nostalgia? **Richard Johnson** previews a London festival of favourites from the television of the Seventies

Being a British actor in the Seventies was not easy. For one thing, there were those wardrobe departments issuing the stars of contemporary drama with zip-up leatherette platform boots, denim coats and purple Austin Maxis. Visual taste has changed a great deal since then: for the better, most would say. But a month-long season of programmes at the Museum of the Moving Image and the National Film Theatre is out to prove the merit of television from a decade best remembered for sideburns and kipper ties.

"Tele70" includes contributions from John Thaw and Bob Hoskins in the forgotten sitcom *Thick as Thieves*, an episode of the NFT television department's most requested programme, *Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased)*, and a rare chance to see that Everest among tough-cop series, *The Professionals*. Since 1988, Martin Shaw is said to have blocked repeat screenings of the latter.

"These cult series all have a fantasy base," says the season's programmer, Dick Fiddy. "And I don't mean just the science-fiction. In the Seventies it wasn't unusual to have an action-adventure series featuring monsters or ghosts.

"By the end of *The Saint*, which started off as a globe-trotting detective series, Simon Templar was encountering giant ants and the Loch Ness monster. In America they still do it, with series such as *Quantum Leap* and *Beauty and the Beast*, but in Britain it's a thing of the past." Cop series always reflect the obsessions of their time. When the spy boom was at its zenith in the Sixties, people such as Amos Burke, Gene Barry's eligible police chief, were suddenly appointed special agents. By the Seventies, British television policemen were being drafted in to Special Patrol Groups – cells of men upholding the law, and occasionally stepping over it. Maverick coppers such as Jack Reagan from *The Sweeney* and the buddy boys of *The Professionals* were sent out on to the streets.

Bodie (Lewis Collins) and Doyle (Martin Shaw) of "CI5" always looked fresh from a tough assignment at the hairdressers when they cut through red tape and impinged on personal freedom to quell the rising tide of international terrorism. As the head of CI5, Cowley (Gordon Jackson) usually put it: "There'll be squeals and letters to MPs, but that's the price that they and we have to pay to keep this island clean and smelling ever so faintly of roses."

Although London was always world HQ, the show sold widely overseas, and when Libyan rioters besieged the British embassy in Tripoli, after the People's Bureau shooting in London, they were apparently heard to shout triumphantly, "Down with CI5".

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The Seventies did not see an increase in violence on television – programme makers argued that technical advances simply heightened the impact. Action was more convincing when filmed on location, which had been facilitated by the development of the lightweight camera. Zoom lenses made close-ups of violence easier, and colour television made blood red. But complaints increased, and the Independent Television Authority's working party on violence sat for six years of the decade.

The' IBA's archives were replete with complaints from Mary Whitehouse and her National Viewers' And Listeners' Association about a particularly reprehensible Christmas in 1973 (*Carry on Christmas*, *Billy Liar* and a *Benny Hill Show* – "preoccupied with breasts and bottoms", according to Mrs W), about *There'll Almost Always Be An England* in 1974 (14 bloodys, 2 buggers, 1 "sod it", 1 bastard and 1 "sodding thing"), and about an episode of *Doomwatch* (now to be screened as part of "Tele70") originally deemed too strong to be broadcast. *Doomwatch* followed an élite corps of scientific watchdogs appointed to foil any threats to the environment posed by industry or technology. Along with *Survivors*, a doomsday saga of existence after a man-made virus has wiped out most of the human race, and the sitcom, *The Good Life*. *Doomwatch* tapped into a Seventies dream of self-sufficiency and of starting over again. By 1980, there were a record number of smallholdings in Britain (51,000), as lawns everywhere were dug up and vegetables pushed out flowers. Felicity Kendal and Richard Briers clearly gripped the nation.

But Seventies television drama was not always so fanciful. "Tele70" will be screening a series of Mike Leigh's early five-minute films, and *Hard Labour*, a Leigh play produced by Tony Garnett (who also produced *Cathy Come Home*).



The Professionals: Martin Shaw, Gordon Jackson (centre) and Lewis Collins

According to Leigh, "In the late 1960s to the early 1980s, that *Wednesday Play/Play for Today* period, it was entirely respectable to make dramas about ordinary people's lives. That has become unfashionable again. I often get asked why there was a 17-year gap between my so-called first and second feature films – which is to say *Bleak Moments* in 1971, and *High Hopes* in 1988. On the whole, in that period the British cinema – including me – was alive and well and hiding in television." In the Seventies it was so difficult to finance feature films, and writers did not have their next co-production deal to worry about. "We never looked over our shoulder in the direction of Hollywood. We just got on with it." Television was richer as a result.

● Tele70 *will take place at the National Film Theatre, beneath Waterloo Bridge, London SE1 (071-928 3232) from Thursday to August 29.*

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When cutting forces, we should prepare for the unexpected

In 1951, as under secretary of state for war, I went through the merged regiment exercise, which is always sad but does not affect fighting efficiency in war, as amply shown subsequently. Of far more importance is the elimination of fighting men. As part of its aim of lopping 15 per cent off our £24 billion defence budget by the end of the century, the government plans over the next four years to reduce the number of battalions from 55 to 41, ten of which are permanently committed to Northern Ireland.

The cash saved is trivial compared with the £2-£3 billion chucked at the community charge; nor does it equate with the amount annually wasted in the National Health Service through inefficiency and the giving of high child benefits to those who do not need them.

The government justifies its swipe at our defences on the theory that the world will in future be obligingly tranquil, that it is now safe to put polyunsaturated margarine before guns. No danger is forseen in chopping the fighting personnel of the army from 156,000 to 116,000 over the next four years and reducing the navy's fighting element to 55,000, leaving it with 20,000 less than the RAF. But there is good cheer: there will be 4,000 more civilian UK-based employees of the Ministry of Defence shoving papers around for the three services than there are soldiers.

Inexperienced in war, the cabinet consists of innocents abroad. Cabinet members assume that no possible menace can arise from the dissolving Soviet Union. They assume, too, that the Kuwait-Iraq affair is over, although it is clear there is a high possibility that force will again be needed to depose Saddam Hussein and remove his nuclear arms capability. Optimistically they also conclude that there is no threat to Belize requiring reinforcement of our troops there to maintain our pledge to defend it from annexation by Guatemala. They cannot imagine a need to act in the turbulent Balkans or to augment our forces in Cyprus to deal with explosive situations in Lebanon, Syria or other sudden emergencies in that troubled region.

They are so confident of the security of the Falklands that they will not promise to replace the armed patrolship HMS Endurance, a previous withdrawal of which convinced Argentina that we would not defend the islands. The cabinet is unconcerned about our interests in Antarctica, which could produce great wealth for future British generations if they are not left defenceless. We will be unable to show a strong hand in Hong Kong to deter Peking from fomenting internal commotion so that it can break its promises to let the colony run its own affairs for at least fifty years after we leave in 1997.

The cabinet is gambling that there will never be more than one incident at a time requiring deployment of British forces. Alas, the uncoordinated promoters of discord work haphazardly and are unlikely to arrange their outbreaks of violence on a schedule to suit Whitehall's convenience.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, must know above all that the versatility of our brave and accomplished forces has given us an international influence far beyond our economic strength. The military capacity Britain has hitherto maintained has supported America in its firefighting role, our prompt help encouraging other, more reluctant nations to rally. I hope that the cabinet, now preoccupied with domestic details, will reflect during the holidays on a wider vision of a Britain able to remain a world power and reverse the foolish destruction of our international status which is now beginning.

Meeting in the sticks

By going to Kiev, Bush is preparing to do business with the emerging Soviet republics, writes Peter Stothard

Barbara Bush had been looking forward to the opening of the so called "new summitry" era which begins in Moscow today. Because the White House wanted to emphasise relations with the Soviet republics as well as with the Kremlin, there was certain to be at least one extra stop on the trip. As little as a week ago, senior presidential aids said that the stop would be in Leningrad, a city that Mrs Bush, like so many Western tourists, very much wants to visit.

The Soviet Union's second city was considered an acceptable backdrop by the White House image-makers, too. The lion of the media circus would need more than a strategic arms reduction treaty. There would be little to report if the summiteers stayed in the Kremlin signing documents which had already been the focus of the G7 summit in London. Ditto for Soviet aid plans.

Both presidents hoped that they might be able to announce the date of a Middle East peace conference this week. But both have been in the business long enough not to put too much faith in that. Lengthy television shots of Peter the Great's Westward-looking capital would be ideal.

When the itinerary was announced, however, the choice was not Leningrad but Kiev. America's first lady had to abandon her hopes of a visit to the Hermitage — packed with Rembrandts and Fabergé eggs. Instead of one of the cities crucial to Western civilisation, she will be seeing a city best known in America for chicken and for Chernobyl.

Why was the decision made? Because, State Department officials explained, Kiev offered a safer stage for the delicate diplomatic ballet the two leaders will be performing this week.

General Brent Scowcroft, the president's national security adviser, said before his departure that today would begin "the first post cold war summit".

Although the signing of the Start treaty to reduce strategic nuclear weapons remains the official centrepiece, the key parts of the agenda for the two men no longer concern diminution of their arsenals. The important thing now is to define how America can best assist the peaceful devolution of power within the new Soviet Union.

Over the coming months, President Bush hopes first to be able to help Mr Gorbachev to keep control of the foreign affairs and defence portfolios, which will remain America's prime interest as long as the nuclear threat remains. His second aim is to recognise the republics' aspirations to greater freedom, and to promote the economic reforms without which any looser federal structure must fail.



Off the beaten track: Barbara and Raisa may miss Leningrad

The difficulty is how to do this. General Scowcroft and his colleagues are undogmatic. The arguments are about process, not about principle. Can one really imagine that in 50 years' time the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics will be like the United States, with millions of racially and religious separate groups still accepting that their place in the world must be determined by the central capital?

If you believe Moscow's rule will be relaxed without substantial bloodshed, it is worth remembering that no empire in the past has collapsed in perfect peace. If different degrees of autonomy, independence, democracy and freedom can be achieved under some sort of control, so much the better for the rest of the world. If they cannot, "at least we will have done our best" officials say.

In this dance, the administration has confidence in only one choreographer: Mr Gorbachev. So if the Soviet leader thinks a speech by Mr Bush to the radicals of Leningrad would be too inflammatory, it will not happen. Even if the White House disagrees with the Soviet analysis and suspects that Mrs Bush is being kept away from the Hermitage because Nancy Reagan snubbed Raisa Gorbachev there in 1988, the Americans are unlikely to make a fuss.

Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, wanted to greet Mr Bush at the summit in his own office, the symbol of his independent power. President Gorbachev cannot prevent such a meeting, but he can insist that it takes place in the Kremlin — and has done.

Why does President Gorbachev want the American party to visit Kiev, a vigorous centre of Ukrainian nationalists whom even Mr Bush's damp rhetoric might inflame? Perhaps he wants to make up to local leaders, who have criticised his recent choice of their city as the site for his meeting with Chancellor Kohl, a decision which, as one official put it, makes the Kiev folk feel like waiters at Yalta. Perhaps he wanted to show the Ukrainian nationalists that in the new Soviet Union, he will favour their having some direct diplomatic links with other countries. On Thursday Mr Bush will officially open an American consulate in Kiev.

Whatever the Soviet reasoning, the White House is happy enough to take the Kiev route home. If the Ukraine were to become independent, it would be the largest country in Europe with more than 230,000 square miles for its 50 million people. A little massaging of President Leonid Kravchuk now might pay big dividends later.

Ukrainians are also a useful voting block in the United States. American citizens whose ancestors fled the power of Moscow now number more than two million, and they are influential in a number of mid-western states. President Bush has little yet to offer the vocal Baltic Americans, even though independence for their homelands is a higher priority than in any other part of the Soviet Union. The Ukrainian Americans may be somewhat easier to court.

While the talks wind on today and tomorrow, the two first ladies could take off to Leningrad by themselves, as they did to visit a women's college during last year's Washington summit. But if the idea does not please their husbands' minders, they will have to content themselves with unveiling a new work of art in a Moscow park. Mrs Bush has brought with her a suitably tasteful replica of a bird sculpture from Boston, entitled *Make way for ducklings*.

'Outing': hype and hypocrisy

Matthew Parris on activists' threats to expose homosexual politicians

People talk about "outing" as though it is linked exclusively to homosexuality and has been recently invented by the Americans. The story is a gift to silly-season journalists and especially welcome to quality newspapers, as it gives them a quality excuse to dwell thoughtfully on smut. "And all in the best possible taste," as *The Independent* might have said if Bette Midler had not already.

Fair enough. You give something a new name and tie it to a newsworthy minority. Newspapers are then free to dicuss the *concept*. Naturally, they do not stoop to discuss the personal allegations, except, of course, as examples.

Naturally, too, we all deplore it. We find ourselves deploring it at some length. As often as not we find ourselves deploring it for a fee. In the few hours spent writing this, I have turned down 19 requests to give newspaper interviews or appear on the radio or television, together worth about £1,000. If we do not, yet, *quite* have "outists" and "outism", we shall have by the end of the week.

I hate to spoil a good party, but there is nothing new about outing, and nothing very exciting, or even wicked, about outers. They are not a novel and deranged type of human beast. They are just a handful of angry men and women: angry for some fairly obvious reason. They have weighed an awkward ethical and practical question in the balance, and have come to the wrong conclusion. But they have not strayed from our own ethical tradition. Their error is only to have pushed it a bit too far.

To our Western way of thinking, those who say one thing and secretly do another are asking for trouble. Outing is about hypocrisy, and people's reaction to it, and the underlying moral reasoning need not apply only to homosexuals. The American evangelist whose exotic brand of heterosexuality hit the headlines was, to all intents and purposes, outed by the woman who kissed and told. The tabloids, have been having a merry time, recently, outing ministers, who voted for rear seatbelts while in their own cars they quietly ignore the law. Was the minister who drank and drove at Bournemouth not outed by the taxi driver he had annoyed?

In folklore, God is probably responsible for the greatest number of recorded cases of outing, followed by the press. We call it "poetic justice". When activists organise it we get nervous, but when fate, or general gossip is to blame, society's reaction is a mischievous chuckle.

And it really makes no difference whether we approve or disapprove of the behaviour exposed. A secret follower of any sect — be it Christianity or devil-worship — who publicly associates with what his co-religionists see as persecution is unwise to rely too heavily upon their respect for his privacy. We understand very well the instincts involved.

Is it not healthy that a politician should feel that a gap between his private life and his public posture brings pressure to amend one or the other? If it were easy to conceal private medical insurance or sending one's children to public school, a number of Labour MPs would do both. Some try as it is. I salute those who out them. Whatever they say, MPs know they run the risk of being exposed. I speak from personal experience as an MP, for although from the outset I never claimed to my constituents that I was *not* gay, I did not say that I was, either. If anyone had asked, I would have had to avoid the question. Happily, no one did.



Private lives made public: several of the American stars alleged by poster campaigns to be homosexual have angrily denied the charge

Though my private life, sadly, was not very wild, there was always a chance that word would get around. I thought this inevitable, sooner or later. I decided to tell Michael Jopling (the chief whip) immediately, and in speeches and in my constituency I decided to be increasingly open in my support for reform of the laws about homosexuality. At the same time, I would drop hints, taking care to avoid anything the tabloids could use. In this way, I would edge out, the aim of the game being to move from nobody knowing, to everybody having realised, without passing any newspaper headlines in between. I had just about managed the transition when I lost patience and packed it in.

Having always been completely convinced that homosexuality is not wrong, I would prefer to believe that this alone motivated my work for homosexual law reform in parliament and outside. I *think* I would have worked for it anyway. But I cannot deny some of the course required to take positions your colleagues and constituents will judge foolish comes from the knowledge that whatever your embarrassment it is not half what it would be if you conceal things that were later flushed out.

Gay MPs know who else knows. They keep a wary eye on this group. Some MPs' positive stands on gay issues are partly (though only *partly*) explained by this. One good reason why the Tories did not do more gay-bashing under Mrs Thatcher is that in a score of entries in a little black book the chief whip keeps.

Under John Major there has been a change, and I believe attitudes are beginning to shift within the parliamentary party and the constituencies. Many MPs on both sides of the House will be moving towards openness in the next few years.

A press sensation, now, about "outed" MPs will actually hinder this. The result will be that constituency associations resolve to avoid vulnerable candidates. The whips will become more nervous about ministerial appointments. Opinions may harden.

In appealing to the "outers" to think twice, I do not pretend that the pressure they want to apply is morally unjustified. It is that, from the outside, there is simply no way you can know how, or where, to direct that pressure. Your indignation is not moral, it is practical.

...and moreover

PETER BARNARD

Something terrible has happened. The contracts have been exchanged and the completion date approaches. Nothing terrible about that. The removal van is booked and the family is in various stages of excitement, panic, indifference, regret, anticipation. And that was just yesterday. Nothing terrible about that.

The terrible thing is that I have just realised why a recent front-page article in *The Times* about the royal family's holiday reading list made me uneasy. It brought on a qualm. Not so much the list of books, one hesitates to intrude on private misjudgment, more the awful realisation that in expanded billets at Mountain Bower, north Wilts, as at Balmoral (somewhere in Scotland isn't it?) one is very likely from time to time to have Visitors. Overnight Guests. People with a reading tendency.

Books are not the problem. Thousands of those: heavyweight, lightweight, you name it. No image problem with bookshelves full of Le Carré, Amis (*fils*), Brookner, Vargas Llosa, Updike, Wolfe, Steinbeck, political memoirs, quasi-philosophical tracts from Benn to Ridley. Easy explanation there: catholic taste old boy. Read them? Er... up to a point old chap.

Magazines are a different matter. You cannot be shipping in a different set of magazines every weekend. Too much room for a mix-up. Too much risk of the last-minute dash through country lanes to the nearest newsagent when this weekend turns out to be not the radical feminist vegan and her partner who is something in Greenpeace, but the Monday Club researcher and his partner who works for the Atomic Energy Authority.

Some years ago I stayed in the home of a Harvard professor. On the bedside table were four magazines: *Mind, Foreign Affairs, The New York Review of Books* and *The New Yorker*. The professor and I had spoken, briefly, on two occasions before the visit. I think I mentioned an interest in philosophy, most of which (so it later transpired) the professor regarded as twaddle. But as I recall those conversations, they mostly concerned the Washington Redskins and the effects thereon of a terrible injury to their quarterback.

One could see why *The New Yorker* would be at the bedside. It has dual assets: cachet and cartoons. The cartoons are what people mean when they say they would not miss *The New Yorker* for anything. A Harvard professor, even of economics, might be expected to subscribe to *The New York Review of Books*.

But if philosophy is twaddle, why buy *Mind*? As evidence? The professor regarded foreign affairs as scarcely worthy of half a column in a newspaper, much less an entire magazine, so why buy *Foreign Affairs*? For me, or for him? Are guests supposed to be served by reading matter, or is it there to serve the host's self-image?

There are those who would regard this as a trivial social issue. They are wrong. Whole dinner parties are occupied in ridiculing the alleged social inadequacies of people not counted among those present, and although I am not myself very often either a host or a guest, I see no reason to provide ridicule-fodder for others.

I am only too aware of my own sensitivity in these matters. There was a time when I occasionally bought *Playboy*, when it contained writing of genuine merit. There would be an unseemly rush on my part to explain its presence in my home, or office. "Extraordinary piece here by Mailer... imagine having to buy this junk to read it... real dilemma you know."

Practical Gardening? You knew I would mention it. There is little point being in north Wilts if you cannot plant something there, but is there some way to leave *Practical Gardening* lying around, together with *The Spectator* and *The Literary Review* and *Radio Times* and *Car* (awfully well-written, you know). This begins to look like the waiting room of a schizophrenia consultant.

And what is the present status of country magazines? They tell me there is a difference between *Country Life* and *Country Living*, the latter being more for people who incorporate stripped pine and Agas into north London terraced houses. But the former was boring last time I looked. Is relevance the test, or fashion?

I have cut a swathe through the largest W.H. Smith I can find, and answer comes there none. What this problem needs is its own magazine. Not that one could leave it lying around.

Glasnost rules the waves

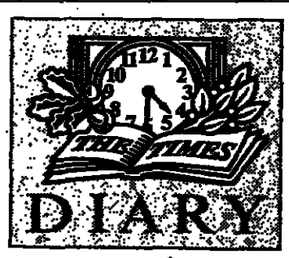
As Presidents Gorbachev and Bush meet today, John Major has agreed to a significant new improvement in London's relations with Moscow. The prime minister has given his personal backing to a plan to let the Royal Navy exercise with Soviet warships and the Soviet merchant fleet for the first time since the second world war.

The decision, announced by the Ministry of Defence on the eve of the Moscow summit, is to mark the 50th anniversary of the first Arctic convoy reaching northern Russia in 1941. The navy's type 22 frigate HMS London and the Royal Fleet auxillary Tidespring will take part in Soviet naval exercises in the Barents and White seas at the end of August. Both Major and Gorbachev have agreed to become commodores of the convoy.

The commemorative fleet will assemble off the North Cape of Norway to face simulated attacks as it heads for Murmansk and Archangel at the end of the month. Soviet and British second world war veterans are likely to be on board a Soviet vessel to watch the action.

HMS London was the navy command ship during the Gulf war, and one of its predecessors took part in the original Arctic convoys, codenamed Dervish. It will leave Devonport on Wednesday, August 21 to rendezvous in the Barents five days later.

As commander-in-chief of the Northern Army Group in Nato in 1967, General Sir John Hackett called for joint exercises with the Soviets. "This announcement is a sign of the very cooperation we need. I only hope that this week Bush will persuade Gorbachev to go on joint operations and joint actions," he says.



● *For only the second time in its 150-year history, the London Library was in darkness yesterday. The last time was for the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, exactly ten years ago. But the reasons for the doors closing this time are a little more prosaic. "It's coincidence. It's for essential electrical repairs," says deputy librarian Michael Higgins. It meant that seven staff, rather than the 45 usually on hand, had to fumble around in darkness. Members have been sympathetic. Anita Brookner says the repairs were only a temporary flaw in an otherwise "wonderful" service. "It is the greatest institution in London and the closure for a day is no problem at all."*

Secret weapon

After surviving a close encounter with a Tomahawk cruise missile in Baghdad, John Simpson, the BBC's foreign editor, expected his return to Iraq would be plain sailing. But he has been felled by a hornet bite.

Simpson was in northern Kurdistan with a film crew when a huge hornet disappeared up his trouser leg. "It was advancing higher, and even though I am a vegetarian, I crushed it to prevent it going any further," he says. But Simpson was not quick enough, the insect struck, and within hours his leg had swollen enormously.

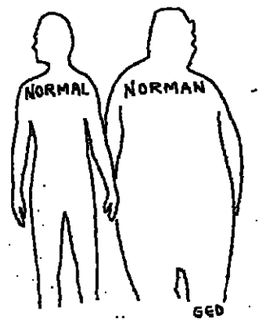
The standard medical kit issued to all BBC foreign correspondents did not have the necessary anti-histamine lotion. Simpson's crew had to make an 18-hour mercy dash to the Turkish border for medical treatment.

Simpson, who flew into London yesterday to take part in a Radio 4 programme, *The Summer Strain*, arrived in a wheelchair. "My leg looked like a marrow," he says. "It was the equivalent of being viciously attacked by an anti-personnel hornet. It was much more terrifying than anything I saw in Baghdad."

Dessert storm

General "Storming Norman" Schwarzkopf is perhaps the last person you would expect to worry about his figure. But according to *Lear's*, the American magazine, he goes to considerable lengths to stay in shape.

The magazine, which conducted a survey of the keep-fit habits of leading American personalities,



contacted the US defence department for details of the general's preferred methods. The list was exhaustive. "The general alternates between aerobic work on treadmills, exercise bicycles or skiing machines, and muscle toning with medium weights," says the department which declines to confirm reports that the general weighs 16 stone. "Weather permitting, he plays tennis or swims laps," says the spokesman.

So has the exercise had the desired effect? "You should judge for yourself," was the diplomatic reply.

Taking no notice

One correspondent will be surprisingly absent from the Hyde Park press box for the Pavarotti concert today. *Opera* magazine, the industry's bible, is boycotting the celebration of Pavarotti's 30th year as a performer.

Rodney Milnes, editor of the 13-times-a-year magazine, is dismissive of the event. "It may be the biggest thing ever in concert, but not the biggest thing ever in opera," he says. "We will not be covering it."

The magazine was founded in 1950 by the Earl of Harewood, the chairman of the board of the English National Opera and a former director of the Royal Opera House, and is one of the most respected publications in the industry. Harewood, whose name still appears on the magazine's headed paper, does not share its disdain for the event. "He is a great fan of Pavarotti," says a spokesman for Harewood House, Leeds. "He would like to be there in person. It's only the prospect of the traffic jams that has put him off. It's the biggest event of the year."

Harewood will have to read the rival *Opera Now* for coverage of the concert. "We would not miss it for anything," says Anthony Pettie, the associate editor. "It's an international event." But Mills is scornful: "We are all fed-up with it. I doubt many *aficionados* will be there."

Yesterday's *Evening Standard* had four pages on the event. Its opera critic, however, is none other than Rodney Milnes. The paper has tactfully found someone else to review the concert.

ARMING IRAQ

The list of militarily useful goods supplied to Iraq despite the pre-Gulf war arms embargo makes Britain look foolish. The industry itself and government officials regulating it seem to have decided that the embargo was there to be outwitted. The list, published last week by the Commons trade and industry committee, shows that among exports classified as non-military were air defence simulators, gun sound-rangers, hostile-fire indicators, radar apparatus, speech scramblers and various sinister chemicals.

The relevant government departments may have a plausible explanation for every item. But to go on pretending that they were following the spirit of the embargo — even if, as is yet to be proved, they were obeying the letter — is just not credible.

The Gulf war brought about a sharp change in the way the advanced industrial countries thought about the international arms trade. Suddenly here was an enemy — Iraq — which had been allowed to acquire a vast array of sophisticated weapons and was using them against the forces of the countries which had made and exported them. At last the West realised how crazy this was. The air was full of indignation, contrition and resolutions to do better.

But the luxury of conversion is that not every action taken beforehand needs to be defended. Some can simply be regretted. There are still plenty of skeletons in the arms-trade cupboard left over from the old pre-Gulf war days, and they are beginning to rattle. Hitherto almost everything about traffic in arms has been coloured by cynicism, on the part of both traders and spectators. John Major's principal contribution to the recent G7 summit in London was his plan for a much tighter world grip on the international arms trade, through United Nations monitoring. The greatest threat to the credibility of his UN monitoring scheme, now committed to officials to give it concrete shape, is that it will be so tarred with traditional arms-trade cynicism that nobody will take it seriously. If that happened, the industrial world would quickly lapse back into its old pre-Gulf arms-trafficking ways.

If this is to be avoided Mr Major's best reaction to the disclosure that military useful products were sold to Iraq, despite the embargo, is to admit that errors of judgment may have been made. The weekend protests of trade secretary Peter Lilley, that everything done over the last ten years by his department was beyond criticism, can be dismissed as mere ministerial reflex. There is political credit to be had from owning up. Only thus will future arms embargoes acquire more credibility than those of the past.

Rhetorical calls for judicial enquiries into alleged breaches, such as those made by Opposition trade and industry spokesman, Gordon Brown, simply drag the issue into the grinding machine of party point-scoring. Mr Major, by slapping down all Mr Brown's charges yesterday, was falling into the same trap. He would do better to say that whatever happened in the past, there would be no more such nonsense in the future — and instruct his ministers to see to it at once.

The pre-Gulf war world was another world, where a flourishing international arms trade was accepted as an essential precondition for a thriving domestic arms industry, and never mind what they were used for once they were exported. But that line ran into the buffers last August 2, when Iraq invaded Kuwait. The future lies with strict and genuine limitations on arms exports combined with accurate monitoring, especially of high technology equipment which could have a military purpose.

The Western Comecom ban on such sales to the Warsaw Pact countries worked because the national interest was seen to be behind it. It was applied in the spirit as well as the letter. The ban on such sales to Iraq was leaky for the contrary reason. Since the Gulf war, the national interest demands a genuine rather than cosmetic restraint of the international arms market. That is the direction in which Mr Major should steer the present controversy.

NODS AND WINKS

Capitalism is about risk and reward. In most developed economies, financial regulators attempt to ensure that rewards reflect risks, that the risks are transparent, and the opportunity to reap the rewards available to all. In the BCCI case, rewards were higher, but not high enough to compensate for a fraudulent risk. Hence the action of the regulators, belatedly, and now of the American police.

In Japan, however, a successful capitalist economy, such precepts are ignored. Regulators have long connived to allow some investors to avoid risk altogether. The big securities houses have been compensating their most valued clients for stock-market losses. Will their exposure mark the end of risk-free capitalism there?

The scandal has already led to resignations at the top of Nomura and Nikko, two of the biggest brokers. Its cause lies in the cosiness between the regulator and the regulated, and the volatility of the stock market. Nomura is often known as the Nihonbashi branch of the Ministry of Finance (MoF) after its headquarters. Officials at MoF are often more concerned to protect the interests of those they should be regulating. Many end up running these companies after they retire, a practice known as *amakudari*, or descent from heaven. MoF is happy to ask the brokers to stabilise the market. The brokers have expected them to turn the odd blind eye in return.

The extraordinary bull market between 1970 and 1989, in which shares multiplied in value 17 times over, led to a laxness among investors and regulators. The stock market seemed to be a one-way bet. Like some members of Lloyd's in the past, investors accepted shady market practices along with their handsome returns. When the market threatened to collapse in 1987, and did so in 1990, MoF asked the brokers to dissuade their clients from selling shares. What better way than to insure investors against losses?

There is no excuse for dealing with gangsters, which is one of the allegations levelled at Nomura. But offering valued investors compensation paid for out of profit margins is no different morally from offering them lower commissions in a competitive market. The problem is that commissions are still fixed, so brokers cannot offer competitive rates to their biggest customers. They can offer only kickbacks instead.

The scandal is very Japanese. The brokers did not act illegally, as long as they did not promise compensation in advance. They might have acted against the spirit of a MoF directive, though MoF had never complained before. London institutions groan at the forest of regulations issued by the Securities and Investments Board, but at least the rules are clear and applied equally. Nod-and-wink regulation in Japan can turn into a shake of the head and a wag of the finger without the rules being changed. Openness and clarity deter malpractice.

Compensation is only reprehensible if smaller clients are milked to pay kickbacks to larger ones. That is the suspicion of the small Japanese investor today, and why the scandal refuses to go away. Individual investors have virtually no redress: going to law is horrendously expensive and time-consuming; and complaining to MoF is more than useless.

That is why there is mounting enthusiasm for a Japanese equivalent of America's Securities and Exchange Commission. In a country with so feeble an opposition, the ruling Liberal Democrats have to decide that better regulation might be politically profitable. There are signs that the frustrations of the little men are feeding through to the LDP. That the brokers have been exposed at all shows that market-rigging is now less acceptable.

Already, partly under American pressure, the Japanese have deregulated interest rates. And they have at least started to talk about relaxing the creakingly anachronistic distinctions between different types of financial institutions. Independent regulation of the stock market should be added to the list of foreigners' demands. Not until investors can be sure that they are being fairly treated will Tokyo earn its place as a truly international financial centre.

SCOTCHING THE RUSSIANS

Forget George Bush and today's superpower summit; ignore Norman Lamont's economic mission to Moscow this week. The visit which could transform Russia's prospects is that by 20 Russian farmers, who are to attend Barony College, Dumfries, to be initiated into the mysteries of Scottish agriculture.

The organisers are confident that the seeds of knowledge which the Russians there acquire will flourish when planted in their own soil. If the steppes blossom forth with Scotch porridge oats, if smoked salmon displaces the sturgeon from the Caspian Sea, such optimism will be vindicated.

Sovietologists, however, are familiar with the ability of the USSR's rulers to turn solutions into problems. The Central Committee might, for example, decide instead to use the knowledge gained on the visit to solve the Soviet Union's meat shortage. They need only forbid butchers to stock nothing but haggis and the Russian queues will melt away. Or they might at a stroke deal with vodka abuse by outlawing its production in favour of Scotch. Or cure the bread shortage by substituting shortbread.

Indeed the potential for disaster in the proposed exchange is huge. Suppose late at night over a wee dram the Soviets enquire of their Scottish hosts as to the real secret of their prosperity. In honesty, the Scots would have to reply "the common agricultural policy." Without its munificence, sheep would not wander the hillside nor crofters toil in the valley. But that is one piece of Western know-how the Russians could do without. Given the amount the Commission of the European Community manages to squander on it, what the Central Committee might achieve does not bear thinking about.

Or the Russians, anxious to embrace all that the Scotsman Adam Smith taught, might seek guidance as to the working of agriculture on the demand-led side of the market economy. They might be taken to the Highlands, say on August 12. There they will see the downtrodden peasantry removed from their land to beat away in copses. Little brown birds, not (they will be told) the product of a bountiful nature but of nurture by gamekeepers whose sole output they represent, will fly out. A few rich men with expensive guns will expend an amount of energy shooting at them. Any they hit will be worth dead a small fraction of what they were worth when alive.

That, the Scots will have to explain, is raw capitalism. The visitors may decide to stay with the defects of the collective farm after all, and return to their native land sadder and wiser. They will indeed have escaped Scot-free.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Further doubts on Silcott conviction

From Mr George Silcott

Sir, The Home Secretary's announcement (report, July 26) that there is to be a police enquiry into the convictions of my brother, Winston Silcott, and his co-defendant, Mark Braithwaite, is far too little, far too late.

On July 13, lawyers acting for Winston delivered to the Home Office a dossier of new evidence relating to his conviction for the murder of PC Blakelock. Included in the dossier were the results of forensic tests which proved that the only evidence against him, the unsigned police notes of his interrogation, had been tampered with, and that the crucial passages which the court took to be incriminating were substitutes for innocuous replies in the original record.

As you correctly pointed out in your leader on July 15, if the evidence stands up scientifically, "the Crown's case against Silcott must collapse". Indeed, it already has. In the case of the Birmingham Six, when comparable evidence about police tampering with statements emerged, the Home Secretary referred the case back to the Court of Appeal within two days.

Why has Mr Baker chosen to stall on this case by ordering an enquiry which can only confirm what he already knows? Perhaps this miscarriage of justice is a little too recent for the truth to be allowed to come out just yet. Or perhaps the vociferous and entirely unprecedented campaign by the Metropolitan Police Federation has convinced him that referring these cases to the Court of Appeal is politically unwise at the moment.

The implications of the new evidence about my brother's case are extremely grave. It suggests that officers involved in the investigation conspired to fabricate evidence against my brother, and that the court was misled. If this is the case, then a long and very deep shadow is cast over all the 69 convictions for offences during the Broadwater Farm disturbances that were based solely on confessional evidence.

The response to these developments from the tabloid media was sadly predictable. They deliberately incited racist hysteria against my brother, making inaccurate and misleading allegations about his past. Winston's history is not an issue. The evidence which was used to convict him of the Blakelock murder is.

By resurrecting the contemptible hate campaign which accompanied his trial and contributed to his conviction, the tabloid media hope to hide the real issue, which is whether the verdict against him and his co-defendants Mark Braithwaite and Engin Raghip (whose case has already been referred back to the Court of Appeal) represents an appalling miscarriage of justice.

For the sake of public confidence in the police and the whole criminal justice system, for the sake of the Tottenham Three and their families, for the sake of justice itself, the Home Secretary should refer all these convictions back to the Court of Appeal.

Yours etc.,
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From Mr I. A. Shapiro

Sir, When a suspect is questioned at a police station his statement is written down, and then signed by him. If in conversation immediately afterwards he says something which adds significantly to what he has just signed, his interrogator might then write this into the original statement without obtaining an additional signature from the suspect.

Can electrostatic document analysis (report, July 26) distinguish between such additions written five minutes, or five hours, or five days later? If not, what can it distinguish?

Yours truly,
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July 26.

SDI as obstacle to disarmament

From Mr Yuri Lebedev

Sir, Over the last three years the Pentagon has launched a number of test vehicles under the SDI (strategic defence initiative) programme, designed to detect the heat emissions of ballistic missiles, and the US authorities are still actively pursuing their ABM (anti-ballistic missiles) programme.

As the leaders of the Soviet Union and the US prepare to sign this week such an important and delicate a document as the Start (strategic arms reduction) treaty (report, July 29) this is a paradox. Is it logical to pursue a programme that would put at risk the ABM treaty, signed in 1972?

Start is the first treaty to provide for a considerable reduction of the world's most powerful and dangerous weapons. Consequently, it will bring down the level of nuclear confrontation and help reduce the threat of nuclear war. The treaty will contribute much to the changes in military-political thinking over the past few years.

It will also provide a reliable basis for continued movement towards the elimination of nuclear weapons, a coordinated balance of armed forces, and a more stable strategic situation.

But we should remember that all these factors will only work effectively if we take into account the influence of other armaments — in particular anti-ballistic missiles and space weapons — on the strategic situation.

In other words, the possibility of further cuts in strategic offensive armaments, as well as the effectiveness of the new treaty, will largely depend on the maintenance of the ABM treaty.

It has been suggested that the ABM treaty should be revised to suit SDI needs. If the US and USSR fail to come to an agreement on this question, the US President and Congress will discuss withdrawal from the treaty.

Some senators rightly regard this as a gross mistake and predict fierce debates in the full Senate, which is about to convene on this issue. Time will put everything in its rightful place, and we can only hope that a reason-able and balanced attitude to this problem will take the upper hand in the Senate.

Soviet-US strategic contacts should be based on political and military realities and reflect the new trends in bilateral relations. In this light, the US Congress can do much more than discuss and ratify the Start treaty; it can guarantee a reliable future for it by facilitating further reductions of nuclear armaments in conditions that would guarantee strategic stability.

Yours faithfully,
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July 29.

Aid for handicapped

From Mrs Anne Thomas-Ferrand

Sir, It is unfortunate that Miss Alice Hodkinson, commenting on the Rance compensation case (July 24), thinks that parents of handicapped children look for a "scapegoat" when coming to terms with their predicament. Quite the reverse. In many cases they blame themselves but know that is not going to help pay all the extra expenses they have to incur.

Bringing up a handicapped child within the family is extremely expensive. There is no way that invalid care and attendance allowance will cover the cost of an extra pair of hands which in many cases is essential. Nor will they jointly cover the cost of all the extra and specialised equipment and the clothes that child may need.

I agree no amount of money will ever make my eldest child "normal", but it will certainly improve the quality of his life.

Is it not time that every handicapped child received a realistic amount of compensation and court cases were abolished for ever?

Yours faithfully,
ANNE THOMAS-FERRAND,
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Brill, Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire.
July 24.

Loch Ness rubbish

From Professor C. Curds and Professor J. Gwynfryn Jones

Sir, We at Project Urquhart welcome Lionel Alexander's letter (July 24). No one has the right to damage one of nature's few remaining unspoilt environments merely in the interests of science.

We share Mr Alexander's concern for the environment of Loch Ness. We understand his desire to maintain its special character, we are aware of some of the damage that has been done in the past and we sympathise with his alarm on hearing of another research project.

However, we have long experience of investigating delicate and sensitive areas; far from spoiling the environment, we are anxious to protect it. But if the loch is to be protected we have to understand what is happening in it and to it today. Only with this knowledge can the pristine nature of Loch Ness be properly preserved.

Yours faithfully,
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(Keeper of Zoology,
The Natural History Museum),
J. GWYNFRYN JONES (Director,
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July 26.

One-parent families

From Mr Bruce Lidington

Sir, The publication of Professor Halsey's report (July 3) on the effects of single-parent families and the ensuing correspondence (July 13, 17, 20) has addressed a whole area of concern but has completely overlooked a major aspect of the problem.

The only true "single-parent children" are the offspring of widowed parents. All other children have two parents. Whether a divorce or separation has been by mutual consent or instigated by one party only, it is rare for either parent not to wish to continue a full parental role. The pattern and practice of English law is, however, utterly opposed to the principle of shared-parenting in divorce or separation. Non-resident parents in divorce are actually inhibited and frequently harassed by law if they try to maintain a decent relationship with their children following divorce or separation.

The Children Act (which comes into effect on October 14 next) tries to address these problems. Only last week, however, the Child Support Bill went from the House of Commons and was given royal assent today (July 25). In its present form the Child Support Bill recognises no form of shared-parenting outside of the clichés of "the traditional family". With England's record divorce rate it may well be too late to encourage "traditional" family life. Despite this development there is no reason that the law cannot be easily amended to encourage, rather than obstruct, responsible parenting under all circumstances.

Supportive parenting, even in divorce, provides the best chance of preventing the problems of one generation being passed on, with a vengeance, to the next.

Yours faithfully,
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Victims first?

From Mr Robert Atkinson

Sir, Your editorial of July 20 ("Putting the victims first") and Glenys Kinnock's sad account of "Sudan on a knife edge" on the same day both make for depressing reading.

If some hope can be derived from the articles, it is from the selfless and determined efforts of the charity field officers, who it seems soldier on against all odds.

Is it not about time that the outrageous premise was buried that the war on plenty and want will be won by the G7 nations, and a few others, simply by maximising the aid dollar?

Anyone visiting Nairobi, Geneva or New York will find five-star hotels overflowing with aid-conference delegates from all parts of the world who have almost certainly travelled in first or business class, often with their spouses.

International conferences on aid to the Third World are no longer a means to an end, that end being the alleviation of human suffering; they are now seen by many as an end in their own right. Whilst the world gasps with horror at the scale of human suffering throughout Africa and elsewhere, how long can any professional agencies be allowed to live the life of Riley?

Yours etc.,
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July 24.

Siege machine

From Mr Clive St J. Thomas

Sir, May I confirm Mr Charles Harris's comment (July 25) that impulsion for trebuchets was provided by counterweights.

One of the more endearing memories of an otherwise undistinguished education was of my college tutor, J. S. Sampson, who, in the late 1940s, built full working miniature trebuchets. I'm glad to report that he demonstrated their accuracy not by throwing dead pigs or even upright pianos but through more mundane projectiles — golf balls.

They had the great virtue of keeping one alert during tutorials.

Yours faithfully,
C. THOMAS,
Hillside House,
Wrotham, Kent.
July 25.

From Mr C. Hughes Davies

Sir, Tim Jones's article of July 20 on the model medieval siege engines proposed for Caerphilly Castle mentioned that a Bristol company had been engaged in research for over a year in order to recreate a working model.

At the end of the 15th century, Leonardo da Vinci set out precise working drawings of catapults, siege engines and trebuchets operated respectively by torsion, tension and counterweight. If Dr Kennedy of St Andrews University needs them, he will find them and many others set out in great detail in the Codex Atlanticus, folios 30-60.

For him to say that no one in modern times has been able to demonstrate the exact technology involved is questionable, to say the least. It was well understood and widely used, and details of trebuchet construction are available from any good encyclopaedia.

Yours faithfully,
C. HUGHES DAVIES,
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Chepstow, Gwent.
July 20.

Romanovs' fate

From Mr Kenneth Ellison Davis

Sir, Your Moscow correspondent (report, July 20) pointed to the coincidence in the timing of the news conference in Sverdlovsk on the recovery of nine skeletons allegedly resembling the Russian imperial family and their servants, and President Gorbachev's visit to Buckingham Palace.

There is a new atmosphere in Moscow, and a number of skeletons have already been removed from their cupboards. If the Soviet archives really do contain the true version of what happened to the Romanovs, President Gorbachev is better placed than most to dig it out.

It might perhaps mean the removal of at least one obstacle in fixing up the dates of the proposed state visit to the Soviet Union by the Queen and Prince Philip.

Yours sincerely,
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Army dental cuts

From the Chief Executive of the British Dental Association

Sir, The comments of Conservative backbenchers, which Michael Evans reports (July 23), of the inadequate cuts in the "tail" of the army and of overmanning in the Royal Army Dental Corps are flawed in principle. Of course the RADC expects to take a commensurate share of the cuts but it has essential roles to maintain in the "smaller, better" army.

Dental problems were the reason for 40 per cent of servicemen reporting sick in the recent Gulf war, where the corps was deployed in proportionately large numbers to fulfil its major role, providing dental care, and its minor wartime roles such as anaesthetic support officers and blood-supply assistants.

Yours faithfully,
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Synod and Nestlé

From the Bishop of Leicester

Sir, The Chairman of Nestlé UK (July 18) states that the provision of free or subsidised supplies of infant formula (baby milk) is explicitly permitted by article 6.6 of the World Health Organisation 1981 code. That is by no means the whole story. The introduction to the 1981 code states:

In view of the vulnerability of infants in the early months of life and the risks involved in inappropriate feeding practices, including the unnecessary and improper use of breast-milk substitutes, the marketing of breast-milk substitutes require special treatment, which makes usual marketing practices unsuitable for these products.

Article 6.6 of the code did then allow free supplies for institutions or organisations to give to infants who have to be fed on breast-milk substitutes, but the code included a clear warning: "Such donations or low priced sales should not be used by manufacturers or distributors as a sales inducement".

Clarifying the meaning of article 6.6, the director of the WHO in 1985 stated that the institutions and organisations mentioned in the code were "intended to mean orphanages and similar social welfare agencies. They were not intended to refer to direct health care providers . . . such as hospitals and maternities".

Companies however continued to give free supplies to hospitals and maternity wards. This encouraged bottle-feeding in areas without access to clean water. Thus in 1986 the World Health Assembly urged member states to

ensure that the small amounts of breast-milk substitutes needed for the minority of infants who require them in maternity wards and hospitals should be made available through the normal procurement channels and not through free or subsidised supplies.

Ten years after the original code, Nestlé, who have 40 per cent to 50 per cent of the market share, are still giving free supplies and have not guaranteed to stop doing so. The General Synod was well informed in coming to its decision to endorse a boycott of Nescafé.

Yours faithfully,
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July 24.

From the Reverend P. L. C. Richards

Sir, If Bernard Levin (article, July 25) would stop calling the General Synod "the Church of England", thousands of us would be grateful and we might even give him a cup of Nescafé.

Yours etc.,
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Evesham,
Worcestershire.
July 25.

A touch of tin

From Mr Paul Newman

Sir, Despite its cheapjack image, tin is a valuable metal. One could mark a tenth wedding anniversary with a tin of caviar or tinplate toy, as Libby Purves suggests (article, July 29). But, in both instances, the "tin" would be 99 per cent steel.

A far more appropriate and acceptable gift would be modern pewter, which is around 96 per cent tin. An engraved pewter tankard, candelabra, stirrup cup or any other pewterware item from the wide selection available in most stores is the traditional and most fitting way to mark the first decade of marriage.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 29: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Reception at the Science Museum for Delegates to the Eleventh International Congress of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by Dr Neil Cossons (Director of the Science Museum) and Mr Brian Davey (President of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy).

The Lady Farnham, Sir Robert Fellowes, and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF, were in attendance.

The Prince Edward, Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this morning visited the new headquarters of the Award Scheme at Madeira Walk, Windsor.

His Royal Highness, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, then visited the Wentworth Club, Surrey, for the Award Scheme Golfing Society's Guest Day.

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, attended the Royal Yachting Association Junior Windsurfing National 1991 Rally at South Cerney Watersports Centre and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Sir Martin Gibbs).

CLARENCE HOUSE
July 29: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon opened the new Police Station at Royston.

Her Majesty subsequently visited Gunton Park near Norwich.

The Dowager Viscountess Hambleden, Sir Martin Gilliat, and Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 29: The Princess of Wales represented Her Majesty The Queen at The Queen's Review of the Royal Air Force College of Cranwell, Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Lincolnshire (Captain Henry Nevile).

Miss Alexandra Loyd and Wing Commander David Barton, RAF, were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 29: The Duke of Kent, President of the Business and Technician Education Council, this morning opened the 63rd Societé Internationale Pour L'Enseignement Commercial (SIEC) Conference at the Dome, Brighton, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for East Sussex (Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson).

His Royal Highness, President of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, later visited the Lymington Lifeboat Station and this afternoon, as President of the Scout Association, opened the new Headquarters of the 9th Lymington Sea Scouts, Lymington, Hampshire.

The Duke of Kent was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant Colonel Sir James Scott).

Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this morning visited the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's Station at Dunbar, East Lothian, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for East Lothian (Sir Hew Hamilton-Dalrymple).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited the Institution's Lifeboat Stations at Eyemouth and St Abbs, Berwickshire, Scotland, and was received by Colonel Simon Furness (Vice Lieutenant of Berwickshire).

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will attend a concert in Hyde Park at 6.55 in aid of The Prince of Wales's Royal Parks Tree Appeal.

The Princess of Wales will visit Monsanto, near Ruabon, Wrexham, at 11.35; will visit the Kings Mill Interpretation Centre, Wrexham, at 12.55; and will open the Artificial Limb and Appliance Centre, Croesnewydd Road, at 2.20.

Prince Edward, as Patron of the National Youth Orchestra of Scotland, will attend the orchestra's 100th concert at the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow, at 7.35.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Giorgio Vasari, artist and writer, Arezzo, Italy, 1511; Samuel Rogers, poet, Stoke Newington, Middlesex, 1763; Emily Brontë, Thornton, Yorkshire, 1818; Richard Burdon Haldane, Viscount Haldane, founder of the Territorial Army, Edinburgh, 1856; Henry Ford, Michigan, 1863; Henry Moore, sculptor, Castleford, Yorkshire, 1898.

DEATHS: William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, Ruscombe, Berkshire, 1718; Thomas Gray, poet, London, 1771; Denis Diderot, encyclopaedist, Paris, 1784; Walter Pater, critic, Oxford, 1894; Otto von Bismarck, German chancellor 1871-90, Friedrichsruh, 1898; Sir Joseph Cook, prime minister of Australia 1913-14, Sydney, 1947; Raymond Massey, actor, Beverly Hills, California, 1983.

Today's birthdays

Professor Ingrid Allen, neuropathologist, 59; Mr Peter Bogdanovich, film director, writer and actor, 52; Miss Kate Bush, singer, 33; Miss Teresa Cahill, opera singer, 47; Sir Edmund Compton, civil servant, 85; Earl Cowley, 57; Mr Meredith Davies, former principal, Trinity College of Music, 69; Miss Frances de la Tour, actress, 47; Mr J.A.E. Evans, headmaster, Brentwood School, 58; Mr Justice Ewbank, 66; Mr D.H. Fraser, artist, 62; the Earl of Glasgow, 52; Lord Grantley, 68; Miss Harriet Harman, MP, 41; Mr Richard Johnson, actor, 64; Lord Killanin, 77; Miss Wyn Knowles, former editor, BBC *Woman's Hour*, 68; Lord McCarthy, 66; Professor L.W. Martin, director, Royal Institute of International Affairs, 63; Mr Philip Mawer, secretary-general, General Synod of the Church of England, 44; Professor Anthony Mellows, Chancellor of the Order of St John, 55; Professor C. Northcote Parkinson, historian, 82; Mr Peter Plouviez, general secretary, British Actors' Equity Association, 60; Sir Richard Powell, civil servant, 82; Mrs Anne Ridler, author, 79; Lord Justice Russell, 65; Sir Kerry St Johnston, former chairman, P & O Containers, 60; Sir Clive Sinclair, chairman, Sinclair Research, 51; Mr Stan Stennett, actor, 64; Mr Daley Thompson, athlete, 33; Dame Marjorie Williamson, former principal, Royal Holloway College, 78.

Sir Ashton Roskill

There will be a memorial service for Sir Ashton Roskill, QC, in the Temple Church, London, EC4, on Wednesday, October 16, at 5 pm.

Luncheons

HM Government
Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of Admiral David E. Jeremiah, Vice Chairman of the American Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Royal Over-Seas League
Sir Lawrence Byford, Chairman of the Royal Over-Seas League, and members of the Central Council were the hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's, in honour of the Australian High Commissioner and Mrs Smith.

Leathersellers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Leathersellers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr J.R.A. Chard; Second Warden, Mr C.G. Davidge; Third Warden, Mr C.A. Coulson; Fourth Warden, Mr J.M. Daniels.

Royal College of Physicians of London

New members admitted include: W.F. Bynum as an honorary member and, under special bye-law, Professor R.M. Anderson.

Appointments

Mr John Morris to be general secretary of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools, in succession to Mr Michael Coates who will be retiring in September.

Lord Rippon of Hexham to be chairman of the University of London Court.

Mr Charles Everett to be head of the policy and legal services group of the Lord Chancellor's department.

Professor John Knill, chairman of the Natural Environment Research Council, to be a fellow of the Fellowship of Engineering.

Drapers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Drapers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr P.A.F. Chalk; Wardens, Mr A.E. Woodall, Mr R.P.St G. Cazalet; Mr J.A. Neill and Mr J.M.F. Padovan.

Institute of Physics Council

The following have been elected to the council as ordinary members:
Professor G A Gehring, Mr T D R Hickson. Professor D M Martin has been re-elected honorary secretary, Mr J L Lewis has been re-elected honorary treasurer. Professor R J Blin-Stoyle continues as president.

Royal College of Surgeons of England

The following are entitled, subject to the approval of the Board of Faculty, to the Diploma of Fellow in Dental Surgery:
I Gillespie; D Young; R Ramaraj; A Ezdini; R K W Mumeya; A Ryan; A Williams; M Schenberg; G Gnanamanogary; S Burns; M Gough; P Allison; D Bartlett; J Bowden; J Davidson; S Hadi-Bagheri; H Illing; P Boulter; G Edwards; C Lloyd; R Paterson; S Seddon; R Judge.

The following are entitled, subject to the approval of the Board of Faculty, to the Diploma of Member in General Dental Surgery:
E Piper; R Canatry; C Brooks; N Adams; D Earp; A Healy; R Lesley; F Hussain; S Jones.

The following are entitled, subject to the approval of the Board of Faculty, to the Diploma of Member in Clinical Community Dentistry:
C-W Wong; J Pope; I Bye; S Harris.

OBITUARIES

MICHAEL DAUNT

Michael Daunt, OBE, test pilot, died on July 26 in Ipswich aged 81. He was born in Hastings on October 23, 1909.



MICHAEL Daunt was one of the pilots who test flew Britain's pioneer gas turbine aircraft, the Gloster-Whittle E28/39 which in 1941 became the first aircraft in either Britain or America to fly under jet-propulsion. From the experience gained Gloster produced the Meteor twin-jet fighter which, in 1943, became the first jet to enter operational service with the RAF. Daunt was again the chief test pilot. Dramatic though those feats were, arguably the most remarkable incident in his test flying career was an accident in which he became probably the first person to be sucked into a jet engine. In a typical example of his sense of humour he always maintained that he survived by doing the one thing he found hardest — keeping his mouth shut. Fortunately, in those days there were no front end compressor blades spinning at thousands of revolutions a minute. Equally luckily, his wide shoulders prevented the rest of him from entering the nacelle. However, because of the intense suction he was quite unable to breathe and, had he not kept his lips closed, his lungs would have been instantly emptied of air. Following the incident the comparatively large intake orifices on both wings of the Meteor fighter were fitted with a grille aptly dubbed the "Daunt stopper".

The aircraft almost claimed his life on another occasion but also brought the best out of him and moved a fellow test pilot to praise his professionalism. Noting that during a maiden flight of just three-and-a-half minutes, Daunt had concisely and accurately identified three serious faults and carried out an experiment, John Grierson, also part of the Gloster's team, wrote: "This is real test-flying, when the pilot notes everything that is happening and is able to render a story, not only coherent but constructive, on landing."

Neil Michael Daunt became obsessed with aviation when, as a boy, he was shown round an aeroplane by a joyride pilot in the field near his home and was treated to a couple of flights in it by his father, a GP. Later, as an undergraduate at St Catharine's College, Cambridge, he achieved the rare distinction of being accepted for the university's air squadron at nearby Duxford. It was here that he learned to fly before being sent down two years later for failure to reach the required academic standard: he had been reading engineering.

He joined the Royal Air Force on a short service commission in 1930 and served with 25 Squadron at Hawkinge near Folkestone, Kent. This unit, equipped with the Hawker Fury, was a nine-strong aerobatic team as famous in its day as the Red Arrows later became. Its speciality was looping the loop without breaking the ribbons that joined each aircraft.

Daunt's steady hand stood him in good stead on the ground, too — he represented the RAF at rugby and, in 1933-34, played wing three-quarter for London Irish.

Leaving the RAF in 1935 he joined the De Havilland company at Hatfield as a flying instructor and the following year became a test pilot with Hawker. He was subsequently to marry the adopted daughter of Frederick Sigrist, the aeroplane manufacturers' founder member and joint managing director. In 1937 he moved to Gloster's, the Hawker subsidiary, as deputy to chief test pilot Jerry Sayer who, on May 15 four years later, made history by taking the E28/39 for its first flight.

Daunt took charge of the test programme when Sayer was killed in a flying accident and, in 1942, demonstrated the E28/39 to Winston Churchill. The next year though, he had a particularly narrow escape when an experimental Folland jet lost its tail in a dive. He was hurled through the cockpit roof and, though he was saved by his parachute, he never had any recollection of pulling the ripcord. For good measure he was all but strangled to death by his harness, suffering a broken collar bone as well as a broken wrist.

Daunt retired from test flying in 1944 after miraculously landing a Meteor that had suffered a comprehensive compressor failure in mid-air. Just before this he was appointed OBE for his services to test flying.

After a spell farming, he pursued a new career as a sales engineer and from 1969 to 1976 was chief technician of the kidney unit at Birmingham's Wordsley hospital.

He leaves two sons and a daughter from two of his three marriages.

ARTHUR BRIGGS

Arthur Briggs, American jazz trumpeter, has died at Chantilly, France, aged 92. He was born in Charleston, South Carolina, on April 9, 1899.



AN EXPATRIATE for most of his long life, Arthur Briggs played an important role in disseminating jazz in Europe. A highly respected trumpeter, he worked with some of the best players of his day — Louis Armstrong chief among them. In an era when new jazz styles were still inadequately documented on record, he helped to introduce European players and critics to the innovations being made on the other side of the Atlantic. Briggs — cousin of the Hot Seven tuba player Pete Briggs — received his musical education at the Jenkins Orphanage in Charleston. Founded shortly before the turn of the century, the establishment was renowned as a training ground for musicians. Its brass bands played a mixture of military tunes, ragtime hits and traditional songs.

In 1918 Briggs joined the Southern Syncopated Orchestra, an ensemble led by the black symphonic musician Will Marion Cook. A former concert violinist, Cook had faced increasing racial prejudice in the classical field. The SSO and its choir performed fixed arrangements of ragtime hits and traditional spirituals. It is now remembered mainly as an early vehicle for the great clarinettist and soprano saxophonist Sidney Bechet. "We didn't play jazz, we played ragtime," Briggs later explained. "The truth is that the only improvising was done by Sidney Bechet." The Orchestra made an acclaimed visit to London in 1919. So great was its impact that the members were invited to play before George V and Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace.

Finding Europe a more congenial environment than America, Briggs and several other members of the orchestra decided against returning home. Briggs later studied with John Solomon, a professor at the Royal Academy of Music, before settling in Paris. The pioneering jazz critic Robert Goffin, who befriended him during this period, described him, with some justice, as "the very backbone of transatlantic jazz".

Apart from a lengthy stint with the bandleader Noble Sissle, Briggs signed up with Louis Armstrong during Satchmo's tours of Europe. Briggs remained in Europe after the outbreak of war. Goffin recalled bumping into him in a cafe on the rue Pierre Charon on the day of the German offensive against the Low Countries. After the fall of Paris, Briggs was interned by the Germans, but he returned to his profession after the allied liberation. By now another generation of black American artists was following his example and living in exile in Paris. For several years he led the house band at the club Chez Florence. He continued to lead bands until the 1960s and from 1964 concentrated on teaching. He leaves a wife and daughter.

CHARLES STUART

Charles Harborne Stuart, historian, Student and Tutor of Christ Church from 1948 to 1987, and Censor from 1953 to 1958, died on July 22 aged 71. He was born in Calcutta on January 28, 1920.

CHARLES Stuart was junior and then senior Censor of Christ Church, Oxford. Censors are part of Christ Church's unique constitutional system and arcane vocabulary; they are named from among the Students (Fellows) of Christ Church by the ex-Censors thereof and are the executive officers of the governing body, with the Dean they form an omnicompetent triumvirate. For many of the holders there has been no higher object of ambition.

The son of an East India merchant, Stuart had been sent to school at Lynchmere Hill, Eastbourne, and Harrow; he became a Scholar of Christ Church in 1938; a first in modern history followed in 1941. Medically unfit for military service, he served in the Foreign Office (special branch) from 1941 to 1945, and was a member of a department which dealt with German secret intelligence.

After a period as a lecturer of The Queen's College in 1946-47 Stuart returned to Christ Church and in 1948 became a Student. His censorship fell at a difficult time owing to the illness of the Dean, John Lowe; Stuart showed a complete mastery of administration and rendered immense services to the House, at the cost of exhausting personal effort. He was proud that as Censor he had, uniquely, himself presided at the Dean's end-of-term Collections when the unworthy among undergraduates were rebuked and the worthy complimented. This occasion, notable in the past for the severity which some Deans showed, lost nothing in awesomeness under Stuart.

Stuart's historical interests lay primarily in the eighteenth century. Release from the censorship enabled Stuart to publish his revision of Basil Williams's *The Whig Supremacy* in 1962. This effected much necessary but unobtrusive correction and amendment, done with "much labour, considerable ingenuity, and not less tact", to quote one reviewer. But another college office now came his way: he was a meticulous secretary of the governing body from 1965 to 1970 and his next publication did not appear until 1975. This was *The Reith Diaries*: the work of selection and editing had taken three years. Stuart's last book was his abridgement of Napier's *History of the Peninsular War*.

Within Christ Church Stuart was less exercised by aesthetic than by tutorial problems: he worried less about the buildings of the House than about the selection of those who were to inhabit them. His care, first and last, was for the interests of the undergraduates (graduate studies he thought relatively less important). He was an incisive tutor who never spared himself and did his best to further his past pupils' careers long after their departure. His memory of their Oxford careers was accurate beyond belief.

Kidney failure in 1984 and the death of his wife, Pamela (née Clarke) in 1988 made his last years sad and burdensome. Characteristically he made himself available to receive calls (which he much enjoyed) from his contemporaries and earliest pupils on the evening of the annual Christ Church Gaudy (a feast for members from previous years) four weeks before his death.

Stuart's acute sense of the inner workings of politics, whether in an 18th century ministry or his college's governing body, aided by a lively wit, made him a stimulating and entertaining companion.

His interests outside Christ Church included a governorship of Harrow for 23 years and of Glenalmond for ten. He was a devotee of the turf, and much enjoyed bowling 'tweakers' to the unwary.

He leaves a son and daughter.

EVA LE GALLIENNE

Clifford Williams writes:

I DIRECTED Eva Le Gallienne in *To Grandmother's House We Go* in Houston in 1980. The producers arranged with her to transfer the production to an off-Broadway venue, but the rest of the cast (including Kim Hunter and Shepped Strudwick) would not countenance this. They insisted that for "Miss Le G" it had to be Broadway or nothing. So to Broadway we went. Miss Le G was tiny, tough and tender. A lapse in concentration or a moment of untruthfulness on the part of a fellow actor provoked a spasm of irritation and a summons to her dressing room. "What did she say?" I would ask the latest victim. "Oh, she was very comforting. She said she'd always had the same faults and had spent a lifetime trying to correct them."

As the matriarch of the play, she presided over her stage family from a chair which had to be placed well down stage and to one side. She appeared to enjoy this disadvantaged position and accented it by manoeuvring the chair during performance till it faced fully upstage. "What are you doing, Miss Le G?" I remonstrated. "Are you trying to emulate Alfred Lunt? Half the audience can't see your face." "Well, they've seen enough of me over the years," she replied. "But I want to see my family's faces, and maybe they want to see mine. Our need is greater, isn't it?" A wonderful actress.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

CAPTAINS: F B Goodson to MOD London 17.9.91; P A Fish to Staff of FOF3 Sea 6.12.91.

COMMANDERS: M S Bissett to staff of CINCNAVHOME 17.12.91; W M Covington to NATO 10.1.92; J D Gale to MOD London 1.10.91; C R Green to RCSO (SE) 14.2.92; R D Harbrow-Bush to RNSC Greenwich 24.1.92; P N Harris to Staff of FOF1 10.1.92; M N Hill to MOD London 24.1.92; R G Lockwood to MOD London in rank of Captain 26.7.91; C C Peach to Andromeda as Cmd 26.9.91.

CHAPLAINS: R J Clancy to Exchange USA 26.7.91; D A Lacy to Staff of FOF1 2.9.91; M Sharkey to Raleigh 6.8.91.

Retirement

CAPTAINS: C M Carron – 23.9.91; A H Lambourne – 28.9.91.

COMMANDERS: D J Cooke – 7.9.91; A J Morris – 28.9.91; J P Templeton – 26.7.91.

SURGEON COMMANDER (D): G H Rhimes – 14.10.91.

CHAPLAINS: F A Beattie – 16.9.91; B O G Marshall – 29.9.91; S L Williams – 23.9.91.

Royal Air Force

AIR VICE MARSHAL: The Ven B H Lucas to MOD 26.7.91.

AIR COMMODORE: T I Jenner to MOD 26.7.91.

GROUP CAPTAINS: C F Cooper to 14 MU Carlisle 15.7.91; P F A Canning to MOD (AMD) Innsworth 19.7.91; M Arnold to HQ RAFSC 22.7.91; P W Keirle to MOD (AFD) 22.7.91; A Ferguson to RAF Finningley 26.7.91.

WING COMMANDERS: J D Ball to Al Yamama 27.7.91; M J Jobbins to MOD DSMS 22.7.91; R H Learmar to MOD Man S Org 22.7.91; D S Puckett to MOD DSM3(RAF) 22.7.91; E J Bowells to 4 FTS Valley 22.7.91; C A Buckling to EWOSS Wyton 22.7.91; B Todd to MOD DSTI 22.7.91; C P Aber to Canadian Staff Coll 26.7.91; G J Leachbury to MOD AFD 26.7.91; R J Woodroffe to MOD AFD 29.7.91; M J Foxard to HQSTC 29.7.91; S P Freeman to Winnipeg Canada 30.7.91; D M Shannon to HQ NATO 1.8.91; M N Lees to Kindrow 2.8.91; R Foster to AA Prague 2.8.91; N Elliott to RNSC Greenwich 2.8.91.

Royal Marines

MAJORS: Maj (Loc Lt Col) S E Scrubby-Tallyour OBE to be placed on the retired list 16.01.92.

The Army

BRIGADIERS: D J M Jenkins to MOD 29.7.91; R W M McAfee to be COS HQ 1 (BR) Corps 2.8.91.

COLONELS: R H Bellis to be OIC REME M&RO 29.7.91; C C Galloway to be DACOS HQ BAOR/HQ BRSC 29.7.91.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: J W Ghurin RRF to be CO QUEENS Div Depot 1.8.91; D M Heard ALC to HQ BFHK 29.7.91; R M J Hussey R Signals to be COS 2 Sig Bde 29.7.91; G A Silk WFR to be CO 1 WFR 29.7.91; A R E Singer 14/20H to MOD 29.7.91; R M Thornely QRIH to be CO Birmingham UOTC 29.7.91.

Retirement

BRIGADIER: I G Townsend Late RA 1.8.91.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.A. Bailey and Miss E.A. Edwards
The engagement is announced between Philip Andrew, son of Mr Geoffrey Bailey and the late Mrs. Bailey, of Kingswood, Surrey, and Elizabeth Ann, younger daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Edwards.

Flight Lieutenant C.D.A. Bearblock and Miss P.G. Sugden
The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Dr and Mrs C. Bearblock, of Saltash, Cornwall, and Pauline, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Sugden, of Worcester Park, Surrey.

Dr P.N.R. Brooke and Miss J.E. Horner
The engagement is announced between Patrick, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Brooke, of Upper Bucklebury, Berkshire, and Juliet, daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Horner, of Knaresborough, Yorkshire.

Mr P.M. Bubb and Miss C.T.F. Wodehouse
The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mr and Mrs M.A.T. Bubb, of Measham, Burton-on-Trent, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Wodehouse, of London, SW11.

Mr C. Goldson and Miss A.C. Millican
The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Goldson, of Gravesend, Kent, and Angela, younger daughter of the late Rev Anthony Millican and of Mrs M.A. Millican, of Bath.

Mr F.A.G. Hardie and Miss K.J.I. Robinson
The engagement is announced between Fergus, elder son of Mr and Mrs Donald G. Hardie, of Gartocharn, Dunbartonshire, and Katharine, younger daughter of Major R.C.I. Robinson, of 21 Russell Place, Trinity, Edinburgh, and Mrs I.G. Pringle, of 10 Drummond Place, Edinburgh.

Mr A.J.O. Maxted and Miss D.C. de Rosa
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs J.E. Maxted, of Smarden, Kent, and Domenica, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.G. de Rosa, of Brighton, Sussex.

Mr D.I. Noble and Miss S.S. Spence
The engagement is announced between Donald, son of Professor Iain and Dr Mary Noble, of Edinburgh, and Samantha, younger daughter of Mr David Spence, of Edinburgh, and of Mrs Hazel McIntyre, of Dunbar.

Mr D.M. Noyes and Miss C.M. Purves
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Noyes, of Norton-Le-Clay, North Yorkshire, and Catriona, younger daughter of Mr William Purves, CBE, DSO, of Hong Kong, and of Mrs Diana Purves, of Putney, London.

Mr N.G. Ogden and Miss T. Quitmann
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of the late Mr Peter Ogden and of Mrs Avis Ogden, of Eastbourne, and Tessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derik Quitmann, of Stonegate, East Sussex.

Mr A.N. Russell and Miss A.J. Thorpe
The engagement is announced between Adam Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Russell, of Coates, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and Amelia Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barrie Thorpe, of Wooburn Green, Buckinghamshire.

Mr Q.D. Warbrick and Miss J.A. Cooke
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs A.R. Warbrick, of Allerton, Liverpool, and Jennifer, only daughter of Professor and Mrs I.D. Cooke, of Millhouses, Sheffield.

Marriages

Mr A.B. McIntosh and Miss S.M. Stewart-Wilson
The marriage took place on July 27, at the Church of the Holy Cross, Thornfalcon, Somerset, of Mr Bruce McIntosh, elder son of the late Mr Bob McIntosh and of Mrs McIntosh, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon, and Miss Sophy Stewart-Wilson, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Blair Stewart-Wilson, of North Curry, Somerset.

Mr J. Rudd and Miss T. Hayes
The marriage took place in Cardiff, on July 27, 1991, between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Rudd, of Bristol, and Thira, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Hayes, of Llansannor, Cowbridge, Glamorgan.

University news

Oxford
ST JOHN'S COLLEGE
John Carey has been elected to an honorary fellowship from June 1991.
The following have been elected to emeritus fellowships from October 1991: Leslie John Macfarlane, John Michael Barry.

Manchester
Appointments to chairs
Music, John Casken; Clinical psychology, Nicholas Tarrier; Chemistry, Jonathan Nigel Lynton Connor; Theoretical physics, Alan John Bray;

Reading
The personal title of professor has been conferred on the following with effect from October 1:
Dr Michael Breheny (applied geography); Dr Geoffrey Jones (business history); Dr Clive McCann (geophysics); Dr Alan Thorpe (meteorology); Dr John Whitehead (applied statistics).

Strathclyde
Honorary degrees
DSc: Professor Wallace Foulds, consultant ophthalmologist; Professor John Burbidge, engineer.
DLitt: Mr William Murray, author and mountaineer.
LLD: Mrs Joan Macintosh, National Federation of Consumer Groups; Councillor David Sanderson, convenor, Strathclyde regional council.
DUniv: Mr James Drury, teacher, university court; Professor Robert Kennedy, former head, bio-engineering unit.
Fellow of the university: Dr Gavin Lloyd, former chairman, university court.

Church news

The Rt Rev David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool to be chairman of the Board for Social Responsibility.

The Rev Roger D W Rawlins, Vicar, St Matthew, Redcliffe: to be Priest-in-Charge, united benefice of Warlingham w Chelsham and Farleigh, and Team Rector designate of the proposed Warlingham Team Ministry (Southwark).
The Rev Paul Hardwood, Assistant Curate, Horton All Saints: to be also Assistant Curate, St Oswald's, Bradford (Bradford).
The Rev William Holliday Priest-in-Charge, Horton All Saints: to be also Priest-in-Charge, St Oswald's, Bradford (Bradford).
The Rev Richard P Lane, Assistant Priest, St Lawrence, Towcester (Peterborough): to be Assistant Chaplain, St Edmund's, Oslo, Norway (Europe).
The Rev Howard J Mayoll, Curate, North Stoneham (Winchester): to be Priest-in-Charge, Black Torrington, Bradford and Coleberry, Thornbury and Highampton (Exeter).
The Rev Roy Miller, Honorary Chaplain, Leicester Cathedral: to be also Assistant Minister, Holy Apostles, Leicester (Leicester).
The Rev John Pardoe, Industrial Missioner, Greater Manchester Industrial Mission: to be Team Vicar (Commerce and Economic Development), Southampton City Centre (Winchester).
The Rev David G Prosser, Chaplain, St Thomas a Becket, Hamburg, Germany: to be also an Honorary Canon, Diocese Europe.
The Rev David J Reader, Team Vicar, Marfleet (York): to be Rector, Desford and Peckleton w Tooley (Leicester).
The Rev John Turner, Assistant Curate, Clayton, Bradford: to be Assistant Curate, Horton All Saints and St Oswald's, Bradford (Bradford).
The Rev Stephen J Twamley, Priest-in-Charge, Stanway (Hereford): to be Chaplain, Holy Trinity, Utrecht (Europe).
The Rev Timothy G Warr, Curate, Yatesbury (Winchester): to be Curate, St Matthew's, Chapel Allerton (Ripon).
The Rev John L Aston, Vicar, Upper Tean (Lichfield): to be Chaplain to the Forces.
The Rev Peter E Ball, Rector, Lawford: to be also Rural Dean of Harwich (Chelmsford).
The Rev Hilary Benson, Curate (NSM), St Martin w St Andrew, Birmingham: to be Curate (NSM) St Paul, Stechford (Birmingham).
The Rev Irene Greer, Parish Deacon, St Stephen, Shortwood (Gloucester): to be Assistant Curate, Holy Redeemer, Lasceby with The Good Shepherd, Blackden (Gloucester).
The Rev Robert F Daborn, Vicar, Lapley w Whiston Acton: to be Priest-in-Charge, Tibberton w Bolas Magna and Edgmond w Kynnersley and Preston Wealdmoor, Local Ministry Adviser (Lichfield).
The Rev John Dr Witt, Vicar, All Saints, Kings Heath: to be also Rural Dean of Moseley (Birmingham).
The Rev James Gill, Vicar, St Luke, Charlston (Wakefield): to be Vicar, St George Tilehurst (Oxford).
The Rev Ian H Gilmour, Curate, St Mary, Thame (Oxford): to be Vicar, Holy Redeemer, Streatham Vale (Southwark).
The Rev John Hannah, Curate, St Mary at Finchley (London): to be Vicar, St Paul, Balsall Heath (Birmingham).
The Rev David Hayes, Priest-in-Charge, Bracknell w Buckton, Llanfair Bryncinog and Glasfryn: to be Vicar, Bracknell w Chapel Lawn, Llanfair Waterdine and Stowe and also Rural Dean of the Clun Forest Deanery (Hereford).
The Rev David Hewlett, Field Training Officer for Lay Ministry; to be also Training and Development Adviser and Director of Post Ordination Training, and to continue as Vicar of Marden w Amberley and Wisborough (Chichester).
The Rev Bernadette Hingley, Permission to Officiate, Birmingham: to be Curate (NSM) St Luke, Birmingham (Birmingham).
The Rev Robert Hingley, Permission to Officiate, Birmingham: to be Vicar, St Luke, Birmingham (Birmingham).
The Rev Geoffrey J Keating, Vicar, Bentley, St Peter (Sheffield): to be Vicar, Holy Trinity, Penponds (Truro).
The Rev Peter W Lockyer, Assistant Curate, Beaconsfield Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar in this Team, with responsibility for St Thomas' Holtspur (Oxford).
The Rev Nigel Massey, Assistant Curate, St Mary Bearwood (Birmingham): to be Assistant Curate, St Paul, Tottenham (London), and Bishop's adviser on other faiths.
The Rev Geoffrey Morgan to be Assistant Curate, St Agnes' Reading (Oxford).
The Rev Andrew P Mottram, Priest-in-Charge, All Saints Milton Ernest and St Peter, Thurleigh (St Albans): to be Priest-in-Charge, All Saints and St Bernadine (Hereford).
The Rev Terry A North, Priest-in-Charge, St Mark's Derby (Derby): to be Vicar, Holy Trinity Coalbrookdale, St Luke's Ironbridge, and St Lawrence Little Wenlock (Hereford).
The Rev Graeme S Parfitt, Vicar, St Stephen, Southmead (Bristol): to be Vicar, St Michael, Stockwell (Southwark).
The Rev Frank T Rumball, Priest-in-Charge, St Peter & St Paul Eye, St Michael & All Angels Croft, St Leonard Yarpole and Lucton: to be Rector, St Andrew & St Mary Magdalene, St Mark Frodesley, St Mary Acton Burnell and St Michael & All Angels Pitchford (Hereford).
The Rev Michael H Sellers, Rector, Weybourne, Upper Sheringham, Kelling, Salthouse, Bodham, East & West Beckham: to be Vicar, St Edmunds, Hunstanton w. Ringstead (Norwich).
The Rev David J Senior, Team Vicar, Marfleet (York): to be Rector, St Martin Dedford, St Mary Magdalene Hockham (Lincoln).
The Rev Kenneth Stockton to be Assistant Curate, Grove (Oxford).
The Rev John T Smith, Priest-in-Charge, Christ the Redeemer, Sunderland: to be Vicar, St Andrew, Kingsbury (London).
The Rev William H Taylor, Assistant Chaplain to Jordan: to be Vicar, St Peter Mount Park, Ealing (London).
The Rev Canon John Tiller, to be Deputy Director of Training and to continue as Chancellor and Librarian of Hereford Cathedral.
The Rev Dr John C Vaughan, Assistant Curate (NSM) St Peter, Harborne: to be Assistant Curate St Alphage, Burnt Oak (London).
The Rev Andrew J Williams to be Chaplain, The Bluecoat School, Walsall (Lichfield).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Stanley P Bowers, Vicar, St Michael, Two Mile Hill (Bristol): to retire as from 30 September.
The Rev Arthur N Godsell, Rector, Rochford (Chelmsford): to retire as from 30 September.
The Rev Ernest Blanchard, Vicar, Kettlewell w Conistone, Hubberholme and Arncliffe w. Halton Gill (Bradford): to retire as from September 30.
The Rev C Clive Cooper, Rector, St Peter Woodmansterne (Southwark): to retire as from September 30.
The Rev John S K Preston, Rector, West Winch, and Chapel, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Kings Lynn (Norwich): to retire as from October 20.
The Rev Canon Christopher P Horton, Canon of York and Vicar of Crayke-cum-Yearsley, St Hilda of Whitby (York): to retire as from September 30.
The Rev E A Smith, Incumbent of the benefice of Princes Risborough w. Ilmer (Oxford): to retire as from August 31.
The Rev Norman Wadsworth, Rector, All Saints' Didcot (Oxford): to retire as from August 31.

Other appointment
Mrs Margaret Sentamu to be a Diocesan Secretary, Advisory Board of Ministry, Church House, Westminster.

This, however, is not the way it is among you. If one of you wants to be great,he must be the servant of the rest. St Mark 10:43 GNB

BIRTHS

ADEANE - On July 27th, to Camilla and Henry, a son, Anthony Charles, a brother for Madeline.

AINSCOUGH - On July 27th, at Lincoln County Hospital, to Alexandra and Paul, a son, Hugh Anthony.

BIRN - On July 20th 1991, to Danit and Robin, a son, David Alexander, a brother to Daniel.

BLUM - On July 19th, at The Portland Hospital, to Mika and Chemai Martel, a daughter.

BROOKS - On July 26th, to Paul and Gillian (née Ralph), a wonderful son, Samuel Frederick Thomas.

CHICHESTER - On July 27th, at The Portland Hospital, to Anne and James, a son.

COLE - On July 28th 1991, to Cecilia and Berkeley, a son.

COURAGE - On July 26th, to Serena (née Allott) and Robin, a son, Kit David Bay.

COWAN - On July 19th, at The Portland Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Banks) and Andrew, a daughter.

de VERE HUNT - On July 26th, at The Portland Hospital, to Julia (née Adams) and Peter, a daughter, Daisy Cara.

DUANE - On July 24th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Cathy and Jon, a son, Jon Richard Junior.

GALPIN - On July 21st 1991, at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, to Joan and Chris, a son, Stewart Mark, brother for Andrew James.

HEARST - On July 19th, at The Portland Hospital, to Tom and Donna, a son, Thomas Maxwell. Welcome Max!

HELLIER - On July 20th, at The Portland Hospital, to Kathryne (née Bennett) and Jeffrey, a son, Travis Winters.

HILTON - On July 21st, to Catharine (née Canavan) and Mark, a daughter, Camilla Alice.

KEWARD - On July 27th, to Rosalyn (née Greensmith) and Dwayne, a daughter, Analiese Sian.

LINDSELL - On July 22nd, in St Thomas' Hospital, to Alice (née Stephenson) and Philip, a son Edmund Arthur Berber, a brother for Felicity.

LONG - On July 27th, to Heather (née Wills) and Dick, a daughter Jennifer Heather.

LUSH - On July 26th, to Alison (née Clark) and Paul, a daughter, Annabel Marie.

LYLE - On July 27th, to Susan (née Watson) and David, a daughter, Alice, a sister for George.

PONTER - On July 29th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Mark and Ashley, a daughter, Maddeiena Victoria.

PRICHARD - On July 26th, to Kate (née Slessor) and Rupert, a daughter.

RECHNITZ - On July 19th 1991, at The Portland Hospital, to Sandra and Terence, a boy, Raoul-Edward.

RUTHERFORD - On July 24th, to Janina and Malcolm, a son, Joseph Alexander, a brother for Lucienne.

SALLEHUDIN - On July 25th, at The Portland Hospital, to Julie Ayesha and Ahmed Fhamy, another daughter, a sister for Aysha and Shafiya. Praise God.

SLOBAN - On July 25th, to Kathryn (née Eddy) and Robert, of Roscarrock, Port Isaac, a son, Miles Robert Philip.

WAKELY - On July 25th 1991, at The Portland Hospital, to Barbara (née Neubadet) and John, a son, Tristan Neubadet Wakely, a brother for Katherine.

WILKINSON - On July 27th, at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, to Sophie (née Klenz) and Andrew, a daughter (Alexandra Rose).

WILLS - On July 20th, at The Portland Hospital, to Emma (née Scott) and Nicholas, a son, Harry Nicholas Balfour.

YOE - On July 28th, to Susan (née Crowther) and Chang, a daughter, Caroline Jane, a sister for Sebastian.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

WAPLES-STANTON - On July 30th 1951 at Turnham Green, Leslie to Winifred. Now at Aldeburgh.

DEATHS

ATTLEE - On July 27th, at Southampton Hospital, The Rt. Hon. Martin Richard, The Earl Attlee, dear husband and father. Details of Memorial Service to be announced. Private local funeral. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Neuro Intensive Treatment Area Appeal c/o A. & W. Goddard Ltd., Kent Road, Fleet, Hants., GU13 9AH.

BEASLEY - On July 28th 1991, at Dereham Hospital after a short illness, Lady Alexandra, daughter of 6th Earl of Wilton. Mother of Lavinia Aykroyd and Grandmother of Emma, Serena and Clare. Funeral at St Faith's Crematorium, Norwich, on Friday August 2nd at 12.30 pm. Flowers to H.H. Aldiss Ltd., Friendly House, Aldiss Court, Dereham, Norfolk, tel: (0362) 692233.

BIRSAY - On July 27th 1991, peacefully after a short illness, Robina Margaret Leslie, M.B., Ch.B. Lady Birsay, beloved wife of the late Harald and a very dearly loved mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. Service at Warriston Crematorium Main Chapel on Wednesday July 31st at 2.30 pm, to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only please.

BOIS - On Friday July 19th 1991, Aristides Bois of Agathou Street, Athens, after a courageous fight, loving father to Maria-Helena and Paul.

BROOKS - On July 24th, in an accident near Rusape, in Zimbabwe, Miranda, aged 25, precious daughter of Richard and Rosemary, dearest sister and travelling companion to Charles and a much loved granddaughter. Service at St Martin's Church, Kingsbury Episcopi, on Monday August 5th at 2pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Rusape Hospital who took such good care of Miranda and Charles, to Irish and Dismain F/D, Palmer Street, South Petherton, Somerset TA13 5DB.

BROWN - On Saturday July 27th 1991, peacefully at home after a short illness borne with great fortitude, in the company of his family and many friends, in Bridge of Allan, Professor Chuck (C.V.) Brown. Greatly loved by his wife Sally, sons Keith and Ric, parents Peggy and Vic and brothers Peter and Lawrence. Service at Falkirk Crematorium on Friday August 2nd 1991 at 3 pm. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to Strathcarron Hospice, Denny, Stirlingshire.

CARNOW - On July 26th, peacefully at home, John Mark (Col. R.A.M.C., Rtd), beloved husband of Edith. Funeral Service at Martyr Worthy Parish Church, near Winchester, on Thursday August 1st at 12.30 pm.

CHANT-SEMPILL - On July 27th, very peacefully at East Lodge Drumtroar, Lieutenant Colonel Stuart Whitemore Chant-Sempill O.B.E., M.C., late The Gordon Highlanders, Army Commandos and Artist Rifles. Beloved husband of Ann and father of Frances, Jamie and Ian, much loved grandfather of Katherine, Francis, Cosima, Clementine and Hamish. Requiem Mass at St Margaret's, Rhynie, Aberdeenshire, on Thursday August 1st at 1.30 pm, followed by burial at Kearn Churchyard, Drumtroar, Rhynie. Donations if desired to The Gordon Highlanders Regimental Association, Viewfield Road, Aberdeen. A Memorial Service will be held in London at a later date. Requiescat in pace.

CLARK - On July 28th, Fanny Elizabeth, aged 90 years, dearly loved wife of Cecil Tom. Funeral at Overton on Dee Parish Church, Clwyd, Thursday August 1st at 2pm.

COHEN - On July 27th, peacefully at home, Ruth Cohen C.B.E., former Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge. A much loved and generous sister and aunt. Memorial Service to be announced later.

CRISPWELL - On July 18th, Kenneth, suddenly in Barcelona, Spain. Funeral Thursday August 1st 12 noon at St Ethelreda's Church, Hatfield, followed by interment at St. Luke's, Hatfield. All welcome to come to the funeral. Flowers or donations, if desired, to The Treasurer, Child-to-Child Trust, Room 626, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL. All enquiries to J.J. Burgess and Sons, tel: (0707) 262122.

CREED - On July 26th, Olivia Rebecca Mary, elder daughter of the late C.F.P. Creed, of Clayne, Co. Cork.

COLERIDGE - On July 29th, in her 83rd year, peacefully at The Manor House, Ottery St Mary, The Dowager Lady Coleridge, mother of Bill and Sam, wife of the late 4th Baron Coleridge K.B.E., D.L., daughter of the late Admiral Sir W.W. Fisher G.C.B., G.C.V.O. and Lady Fisher of Hampton Court Palace. Funeral Service at 4 pm on Friday August 2nd at the Church of St Mary, Ottery St Mary, Devon. Flowers to the Church. No formal dress, by request.

COLMAN - On July 28th, peacefully after a long illness, Alec, aged 88, dearly loved husband of Eileen.

CROMARTIE - On July 28th 1991, peacefully at Marley House, Margaret (Marjorie) Talbot, aged 95 years. Mother of Ian (deceased) mother-in-law of Jennifer, grandmother of Alan, Selina and David. Loved and admired. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Church Knowle, nr. Wareham, Dorset, on Friday August 2nd at 2.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Grassby Funeral Services, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, Dorset (0305) 262538.

DEXTER - On July 28th 1991, peacefully at her home in Hyde, Ages Gertrude, Wife of the late Thomas Edward Dexter, treasured mum of Diane, Michael and Elaine. Grandma to Simon, Alex, Katy, Rachel and Tom and dearly loved mother-in-law. Service and committal at Stockport Crematorium on Wednesday July 31st at 4pm. All enquiries to Co-op Funeral Service, Stockport, (061) 432 0818.

DHARGALKAR - On Saturday July 27th, peacefully, Hildegard, wife of Suresh and mother of Hans. Cremation at Hendon Crematorium on Wednesday July 31st at 4 pm. Family flowers only and donations to Cancer Research.

DREW - On July 27th at the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital Woolwich, Sir Robert, K.C.B., C.B.E., K.St.J., F.R.C.P., Lieut-General R.A.M.C. (Retired), dearly loved husband of the late Lady Dorothy Marie Drew, father of Christopher and Joanna (deceased), and devoted grandfather of Anna, Charlotte, Fiona Mary, James, Julie and Vanessa. Cremation for family only. Family flowers only but donations if desired to R.A.M.C. Charities c/o HHQ RAMC, Keogh Barracks, Marchett, near Aldershot, Hampshire. A Service of Thanksgiving for his life and work will be held in London on a date to be advised.

ELLERTON - On July 27th, peacefully, in her 97th year, Dorothy, adored wife of the late Sir Cecil Ellerton, dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Family flowers only.

EVANS - On July 26th 1991, Michael David Evans, Civil Engineer, aged 30 years in Guildo, Jacobabad, Pakistan. Dearly loved by his son Tierran, by Zoe, by Danielle, his mother Veronica, his father David and brothers Andrew and Gareth. He will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and colleagues throughout the world and his many dear Muslim friends in Pakistan, London and Canada. Our grateful thanks to George Hubbard, John Wattan and Ajaz Bathi. Family flowers only please except small sprays. Donations to Save the Children Fund, c/o Frederick Peake, Molesey, Surrey. Cremation Aldershot, possibly Friday August 2nd, but to be confirmed following necessary international formalities. His courage was beyond measure.

FALKNER - On July 27th, Phyllis, aged 96 years, at St Luke's Nursing Home, Oxford. Much loved by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium on Wednesday July 31st at 4pm. Please no flowers, collection for the Gardener's Royal Benevolent Society, London.

FAULKNER - On July 29th, peacefully after much ill health courageously endured, Joan, aged 74, beloved wife of Sir Eric Faulkner, adored mother of Nicholas and Tristina and greatly loved and loving grandmother. Cremation private. No flowers. Donations if desired to SSAFA or British Heart Foundation c/o Ord House, 33 Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge.

GIBSON - On Saturday July 27th, peacefully at home, Cmdr. W. Milburn Gibson R.N. (retd), much loved husband of Madeline and devoted father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Islip, Oxon., at 10.45 Thursday August 1st. No flowers please. Any donations to Motor Neurone Disease Assn., c/o Tyrell Funeral Directors, 21 Lambourne Crescent, Bicester.

HERSMAN - On July 29th, Kathleen (née Quinn) aged 96 years, whilst at Miles and Jean's home in Stonelegh, Epsom. Service at Christchurch, Purley, on Friday August 2nd at 1 pm. Flowers may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon.

HILL - On Wednesday July 24th, suddenly, Oliver and Bunty, both aged 75 years, of Mylor Harbour, Cornwall. The funeral took place on Tuesday July 30th at Penmount Crematorium, Truro, Cornwall.

HORSFIELD - On July 26th 1991, Harriet Beatrice (Tiny) aged 98 years. Loving wife of the late Brigadier Eric Horsfield and beloved mother of Nick and Susan. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Felpham, Bognor Regis, on Friday August 2nd at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to The Royal National Institute for the Blind c/o Reynolds Funeral Service, 31 High Street, Bognor Regis, tel: (0243) 864746.

JENNINGS - On July 26th 1991, very suddenly, Anne Maynard McFarlane, of Nether Clough, Dairy, Castle Douglas. Much loved wife of the late Ian Jennings. Funeral Service at Mossdhill Crematorium, Ayr, at 1pm on Tuesday July 30th. No flowers, donations may be made to the Red Cross.

JOYCE - On July 26th, peacefully at Riverhead Hall, Nora Louise, aged 90 years. Widow of Percy Francis, dearly loved mother of Pam Mackrill, grandmother of Louise and Henrietta, great-grandmother of Eleanor, Isabel, Flora and Sophie. Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's, Little Driffield, 12 noon on Thursday August 1st. Family flowers only.

LEONARD - On July 27th 1991, at his home in Kettlestulme, Cheshire, Alan Roy, aged 64 years, dearly loved husband of Audrey, loving father of Alison, Carol and Roger, dear father-in-law of Steven, Howard and Tina and a loving Poppa of Russell, Vicky, Vanessa, Laura, Carissa, Michelle, Hannah and Penny and a dear brother of Christine. Service and interment on Friday August 2nd at Taxal Parish Church at 11.30 am. Family flowers only or donations to The British Heart Foundation and the R.N.L.I. All donations and enquiries to Sidney Unsworth Funeral Service, 67 Church Road, New Mills tel: 0663 742772.

MAYES - On July 28th 1991, in Hove General Hospital, Philip, beloved husband of Freda. Greatly missed.

NICOLSON - On July 28th 1991, peacefully at home, Joan Eileen, adored wife of David, dearly loved mother of Charles, Vikki and Vena and loved grandmother. The funeral service will take place at St Mary's Church, Dunsfold, Surrey, on Friday August 2nd at 2.15 pm.

NORTHESK - On July 26th 1991, Betty, Countess of Northesk (née Visetto), beloved wife of the late David, 11th Earl of Northesk, much loved mother of Phyllida Cooke and dear Granny Scotland of Sebastian and Adam. Funeral at 1.45 pm on Friday August 2nd in St Mary's Episcopal Church, Kirriemuir, Angus, followed by private cremation.

POCHIN - On Sunday July 28th, peacefully at home, Michael Arthur, after a long and courageous battle. The most dearly loved husband of Roberta and much loved father of Antony, David and Matthew and grandfather of William. Funeral at St Lukes, Goostrey, on Thursday August 1st at 2.30 pm. Donations if wished to 'Christie Hospital, Manchester'.

REED - On July 26th, peacefully at Ropkyns Nursing Home, Horsham, Sussex, Cyril Norman, aged 85, devoted husband of the late Dorothy (Dot), brother of Horace and loving father of Anne, Jane and Susan. Senior member of the Free Forresters. Service at Worthing Crematorium on Friday August 2nd at 12 noon. Family flowers only and donations, if desired, to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

STALLWORTHY - On July 19th, Emily (Flossi), former worker of Venn Farm, Morchard Bishop. Funeral Service to be held at The Medway Crematorium on Wednesday August 7th at 11 am. Enquiries please to John Weir Funeral Directors, tel: Medway (0634) 373111.

TEMPLE-PATTERSON - On Thursday July 25th 1991, peacefully in the early hours, Helen, at Huntington Hall Nursing Home, Huntington. Funeral Service to be held 10am Thursday August 1st at Chichester Crematorium, Westhampnett Road, Chichester. Flowers may be sent to Carrells Funeral Service, 18 Homewell, Havant, Hants.

THURSTON - On July 26th, Paul, aged 47, peacefully at his home in Poole, after a courageous fight against illness. He will be sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Branksome Park, Poole, on Wednesday July 31st at 2.15 pm. Donations in memory of Paul for the M.R. Scanner Appeal Wessex Neurological Centre may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service, 32-34 Parkstone Road, Poole.

TURNER - On July 27th, peacefully at Home Farm House, Alby, Mary, formerly of Beaumaris Hotel. Much loved wife of John, and mother of Romney, Hilly and Chris. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Sheringham, on Wednesday July 31st at 12 noon. Family flowers only but, if desired, donations for Action Research for the Crippled Child c/o Blyth & Sons Ltd., 4 Cremer Street, Sheringham, Norfolk.

TWEEDIE - On July 27th, peacefully in his sleep, Brigadier John William Tweedie, CBE, DSO, DL, late Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, formerly of Woodside House, Carnoustie. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. Requiem Mass on Friday August 2nd at 11.30 am at St George's R.C. Church, Warminster. Family flowers only.

WARBURG-WYZANSKI - On July 5th 1991, Gisela Warburg-Wyzanski, peacefully at home at 39 Fayerweather Street, Cambridge, MA, 02138, USA. Charles W. Wyzanski, son. Anita Robboy, daughter, four grandchildren. Anita Warburg, sister.

WARING - On July 26th, after a short illness bravely borne, Col. Walter Waring R.E. (Rtd), of Lymington, Hants., loving father, grandfather and cousin. Cremation Service at Southampton Crematorium on Friday August 2nd at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to R.E. Benevolent Fund may be sent to Diamond & Son, Funeral Directors, 9-11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington SO41 9DN.

WHITEFOORD - On July 26th, peacefully, Colonel Hugh Percy Whitefoord C.B.E., aged 90, Widower of Bertha and much loved father of Caroline and Lucy. Funeral at Exeter Crematorium on August 2nd at 4 pm. Donations for Cancer Relief or flowers to Crews and Son, Tower Street, Exmouth.

WILLIAMS - On Friday July 26th, at his home in Clapham, Hugh Raby Williams, aged 62, much loved husband of Rosemary and father of Edward and Fidelia. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Clapham Common, North Side, London SW4, at 12 noon on Friday August 2nd, followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations please to The Louis Jenner Laboratory Fund, Department of Haematology at St Thomas' Hospital, SE1. Enquiries to Messrs and Colerill, tel: (081) 874-7698.

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EDWARD SCISSORHANDS (PG): Tim Burton's captivating fantasy about a boy with scissors for hands at large in American suburbia. With Johnny Depp, Dianne West, Winona Ryder. Odeons: Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-586 3057) Kensington (071-602 9844) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096).

JOURNEY OF HOPE (PG): Oscar-winning Swiss drama about Turkish refugees struggling to cross the Alps. Occasionally moving, but too predictable. Director, Xavier Koller. Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742).

CURRENT

ALICE (12): Woody Allen's comic fantasy about a Manhattan wife in crisis. Loose and flimsy, but with a marvellous Mia Farrow performance. Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

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1871 (15): Left-wing history lesson about the Paris Commune, dressed up with song and spectacle by British director Ken McMullen. ICA (071-930 3647).

LA GLOIRE DE MON PERE (U): Episodic gallop through Marcel Pagnol's *childhood memories* -- decent, nostalgic, but excessively warm-hearted. Director, Yves Robert. Barbican (071-638 8891).

THE HAIRDRESSER'S HUSBAND (15): A slim tale of romantic obsession, mesmerisingly told by the director of *Monsieur Hire*, Patrice Leconte. With Jean Rochefort, Anna Galiena. Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Metro (071-437 0757).

HENRY: PORTRAIT OF A SERIAL KILLER (18): Devastating, fly-on-the-wall study of human depravity in Chicago. Director, John McNaughton. Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Gate (071-727 4043) Metro (071-437 0757).

♦ HUDSON HAWK (15): Cat-burglar Bruce Willis gets drawn into a plan to conquer the world. Profligate, dismal action-comedy with a low IQ. Director, Michael Lehmann. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666).

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♦ THE NAKED GUN 2½ -- THE SMELL OF FEAR (12): Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous dead-pan comedy. With Priscilla Presley; director, David Zucker. Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-437 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

NOT WITHOUT MY DAUGHTER (12): Sally Field as an all-American wife trying to escape the Ayatollah's Iran. Earnest drama, peopled by puppets. With Alfred Molina, director, Brian Gilbert. Plaza (071-437 9999).

RIFF-RAFF (15): Marvellous, scruffy "slice of life" portrait of a building-site crew from director Ken Loach. Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

♦ ROBIN HOOD, PRINCE OF THIEVES (PG): Splashy epic by Kevin Reynolds with no coherent style, a scene-stealing Sheriff of Nottingham (Alan Rickman), and a miscast star (Kevin Costner). Barbican (071-638 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS (18): Jodie Foster's FBI trainee confronts Anthony Hopkins, evil incarnate. Intense, highly polished, and repellent thriller from Jonathan Demme. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Plaza (071-437 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324) Warner (071-439 0791).

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♦ TOO HOT TO HANDLE (15): Charmless, interminable romantic comedy about playboy Alec Baldwin's on-off relationship with lounge singer Kim Basinger. Written by Neil Simon. Director, Jerry Rees. Warner (071-439 0791).

WHORE (18): Pages from a prostitute's life, wholly unedifying, though director Ken Russell shows unexpected restraint. Starring Theresa Russell. Cannons: Oxford Street (071-930 0310) Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666).

Flirts and flames revisited

DONALD COOPER

OPERA

Don Giovanni
Glyndebourne

SPEED, vigour and a constant sense that retribution was only just around the corner characterised Peter Hall's staging of *Don Giovanni* back in 1977. Few productions, if any, have stayed so long in the Glyndebourne repertoire. There were plans for him to take a second look at Mozart's rake, but they came to nought. They scarcely seem necessary when a *Giovanni* as cogently argued and sung as this arrives to close Glyndebourne's contribution to Mozart Year.

In Donald Runnicles, an Edinburgh-born conductor who has been establishing himself in Europe rather than at home, there is the right man for Hall's vision. The overture announces *Giovanni* as a moral opera in which those who sin below will surely be punished by those who rule above. Thunder rumbles around Seville and the storm breaks at the close of Act I, a Gothic scene with chandeliers swinging, windows rattling and Vincent Price doubtless waiting to appear had the curtain not come down.

Such moments Runnicles handles superbly, as he does in the next act the unmasking of Leporello and Giovanni's last tussle with authority in the shape of the Commendatore. All, though, is not fire and brimstone. Life while it lasts has its pleasures: there are, for example, ladies around.

Marie McLaughlin, who has not sung Mozart in this house before, is a fiery Elvira. She had some trouble at the start in adjusting her volume, now considerable, to the auditorium. But when it came to "Mi tradi", she eyeballed the audience in exactly the manner all wanted, challenging them to side with her. They needed no second bidding. Yvonne Kenny's Anna, in strong contrast, took a serener view of affairs once over the shock of Papa's early removal.



Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap: Olaf Bär in the final moments of *Don Giovanni* at Glyndebourne

Giovanni challenges the heavens while Anna trustingly places herself in their arms, as she tells us in her final aria, exquisitely delivered by Kenny. Not for her the easy flirtations of Alison Hagley's sweetly sung Zerlina.

The men are equally sharply characterised in this revival supervised by Stephen Lawless. Gregory Yurisich's Leporello is earthy and probably far raunchier than his master. Richard Croft, in another house debut, makes no pretence that Ottavio is other than a tenor with two glorious arias which he delivers with much grace. Roberto Scaltriti's Masetto is properly aggressive and Peter Rose as the Commendatore was in far better form than in *Clemenza* the previous night.

And so to Olaf Bär in the title role. It is a fitful performance and the lieder singer has not yet the mastery over the footlights that he has over the grand piano. The start was fierce enough: an enjoyable flaying and the roughing up of Anna. But then the sense of danger, the prime quality required from every Giovanni, faded. Bär's comfortable figure looked more like an operetta cad than the stud of Seville: in the short term, at least, Zerlina would probably have had more fun with Leporello.

At moments the opera singer showed through. "Fin ch' han dal vino" had real attack and the close of each attack some venom. But Giovanni in this production needs to move as fast and as unexpectedly as John Bury's wonderfully mobile sets, and challenge with the aggression Runnicles inspires from the orchestra. Make the most of today: tomorrow brings the little men with swishing tails and red-hot pitchforks.

JOHN HIGGINS

OPERA

Der Rosenkavalier
Munich Festival

THE double-act of Felicity Lott and Ann Murray has arrived in Munich. After pairing up for a series of highly popular shared recitals in Paris and London, the English soprano and Irish mezzo have met at last as Marschallin and Octavian in a new cast of Otto Schenk's nearly 20-year-old production of *Der Rosenkavalier* at the height of the Munich Opera Festival. Each received a long and noisy standing ovation, and the ageing Christian Strauss was seen almost to topple over into the pit in his eagerness to run forward and applaud.

They are both physically and vocally well-matched: Lott, matured in the role since her interpretation was last seen in London, is as tall and stately as any Marschallin could be; Murray elfin and quick-witted, with as eloquent a tilt of the head as any Octavian I have seen. Both inflect Strauss's elevated speech with light vivacity: Murray, in particular, tautening her Presentation of the Rose only to flare into rapier-bright action.

Facing Murray is Barbara Kilduff's bird-like and highly musical Sophie, something of a discovery in this house. And prowling, bear-like, round the sharp edges of their triangle is the vintage Ochs of Kurt Moll, deeply cushioned of voice and never tempted to facile self-projection. This Ochs scents out a waltz as keenly as Don Giovanni scents women: music, as Strauss's librettist Hofmannsthal pointed out, never finds him loathsome, and Moll reminds us of this both subtly and powerfully.

More reorientation is to be had from the pit. Silvio Varviso turns both his ear, and ours, to the intricate character of Strauss's writing for woodwind. The Bavarian State Orchestra's principal oboe and clarinet focus beautifully the essentially lyrical quality of Varviso's conducting.

Acting as counter-ballast is his shrewd understanding of Strauss's skill in structuring the dramatic rhythms of this work. Movement and stasis, emotional inhalation and exhalation, reveal themselves palpably, much aided by Brigitte Fassbaender's 1989 restaging which, one or two stucco cherubs apart, has many years of life in it yet.

HILARY FINCH

ROCK

Candy Dulfer
Town & Country

JUDGING the Dutch saxophonist Candy Dulfer solely by her records would not be entirely fair. The 1990 instrumental hit single with Dave Stewart, "Lily Was Here", and her solo album, *Saxuality*, naturally invite that term of waspish invective -- fuzak -- which denotes a skilful but mindless hybrid of jazz-fusion and Muzak.

Most fuzak CDs have titles like *Saxuality*, but there is also a part of Dulfer that wishes to emulate the sex, funk and jazz formula of Prince, Sheila E and the Paisley Park crew. On stage, it was the latter approach that took the lead in a confusing battle of styles.

Concentrating on alto saxophone and the odd spot of muffled singing, she led a seven-piece band. This included three specialists in irritating, wordless backing vocals, who, for their second song, attacked Miles Davis's "So What?" at a speed which tore the elegant, insolent heart from the simple body of the tune.

The composition that followed, "Mr Lee", was written by guitarist Ulco Bed; ironically, this sounded like an out-take from an early 1980s Miles Davis session. Bed had captured the stark silences, the grumbling bass and angular solos to perfection. Despite echoes of Eric Clapton and Jimi Hendrix, however, his own guitar feature lacked the brute power that Mike Stern gave to such Davis albums as *We Want Miles*.

Power was also lacking in Dulfer's playing, with the syrupy tone of her alto often buried in the mix. When the band jumped from jazz-rock to a frantic cover version of Sam and Dave's "Wrap It Up", the problems intensified. Was this party music with flashy solos, or simply a lack of direction? Pastiche of this kind needs the vision and originality of a musician such as Prince to focus its wanderings.

The mystery tour continued with a cover of Sly Stone's "You Can Make It If You Try" followed by a New Age-flavoured keyboard solo which resolved into a soul ballad called "Home is Not a House". At this point, only the band knew the final destination.

DAVID TOOP

RADIO

The Moral Maze
Radio 4

WHILE Parliament is in recess, *Any Questions?* takes a commensurate siesta, presumably imagining that no politicians will be on hand to supply the boring, tendentious and ill-expressed opinions which the programme sucks as mother's milk. But there will always be such as Diane Abbott MP to grace its replacement, *The Moral Maze* (Saturday).

This is a studio inquisition prosecuted by Michael Buerk and four concerned adults -- two journalists, a philosopher and a rabbi -- into the burning issues of the hour or, more accurately, 50 minutes. It is constructed like a parody Select Committee hearing, with "witnesses" audibly squeezing in and out of the chair kindly provided. The format is too overcrowded for any recognisable debate to emerge: points of view do not collide so much as trundle past each other on parallel tracks, while Buerk periodically flourishes a red flag in the direction of the signal box.

Last Saturday Abbott waded in, hot from her Westminster grilling of Robin Leigh-Pemberton, to deliver a few thousand words on the topic of "The Morality of Banking": an intriguing conjunction of ideas. Time being so tight and the subject so vast, it was perhaps unfortunate that she should have declared that "international bankers know as much about morality as I do about rugby league football", for (in context) this passed for a joke, and thereafter was punted around with all the friskiness of *Test Match Special* (Radio 3, all weekend) sighting a pun in its cross-hairs.

I know as much about Abbott's intellectual process as I do about banking, but anybody who unloads such a sack of verbiage at such high speed -- a squeaky gabble sporadically dwelling on arbitrary phrases in order to forestall any possible interruption -- would seem to be in perpetual terror of losing control. "Control of what?" is the question that went begging.

The panel certainly found her refreshing. So did the ninth telephone caller to *The Moral Maze Phone-In* (same station, day, mentality) wherein the great Buerk fielded a barrage of calls which reduced the parent programme's high-minded brief to a rubble of consumer whinges: the iniquity of "arrangement fees"; credit-abuse recidivism; the plight of Gibraltarian depositors in BCCI. And that heart-sinking line: "It's only a short story, Mr Buerk, but . . ."

This ninth caller, a banker, undoubtedly does not appreciate his true significance in the great scheme of things. He goes down in broadcasting history for the fact that he was the first real person to have called the phone-in number with reference to the programme which it was designed to service. The first eight heroically ignored it. How very like *Any Answers?*

MARTIN CROPPER

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

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☐ BROADWAY BOUND: Sublime playing by Anna Massey in part three of Neil Simon's ongoing life story. Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

☑ THE CARETAKER: Donald Pleasence in Pinter's classic tussle between a tramp and two brothers. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ CARMEN JONES: Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz. Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☑ COMEDY OF ERRORS: Desmond Barrit plays both twins in high-spirited production, part Disney-part Cali. Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal. Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

■ DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Juliet Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Paterson superb in Chilean political drama. Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ DICKENS' WOMEN: Spirited, skilful tour of the funny, the fey and the gargoyles by Miriam Margolyes. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats 4pm Sun, 2pm. 120mins.

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■ EDWARD II: Simon Russell Beale and Ciaran Hinds outstanding as the gay king and his venomous enemy. The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm. 180mins.

☐ THE PHILANTHROPIST: Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☑ THE ROSE TATTOO: Julie Walters in Tennessee Williams's heated but joyful celebration of sex. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

☐ 70, GIRLS, 70: Irresistible Dora Bryan leads the cast of apparent 70-year-olds in a genial Kander & Ebb musical. Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ SEX PLEASE, WE'RE ITALIAN: Even the presence of Helen Mirren cannot rescue Tom Kempinski's bloodless farce. Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

☐ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Helen Atkinson-Wood as a tabloid journo. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ STARBRITES: Market Theatre from Jo'burg offers a confusing fable, with puppets, about post-Mandela euphoria. Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. -- THE NEXT GENERATION: Cult stage version of cult television show performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats. Mermaid Theatre, Queen Victoria Street, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Thurs, 8.30pm. Fri, Sat, 7.30pm and 9.30pm. 90mins.

☐ WHITE CHAMELEON: Christopher Hampton growing up in Suez: only moderately compelling. National (Cottesloe) (as left). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat Thurs, 2.30pm. 130mins.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

Choir, under the direction of Christopher Swann, will perform with him on a lavishly designed set in the style of a Greek classical theatre. Harvey Goldsmith Enterprises is behind the event, open to the general public and free of charge (apart from the central enclosure). Hyde Park, London W2 (information line: 0898 555645), 7pm.

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: One of the company's most popular works, David Bintley's *Hobson's Choice*, features senior ballerina Marian Tait partnered with Vincent Redmon in the leading roles. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). 7.30pm.

BETTY CARTER TRIO: A fine exponent of the blues, be-bop and jazz vocal styles, the American singer worked alongside Dizzy Gillespie and Ray Charles during the Fifties and Sixties, and latterly with Lionel Hampton. During her week-long residency, saxophonist Julian Argüelles leads a support band. Ronnie Scott's, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (071-439 0747), 9.30pm.

WILLIAM BLAKE AND HIS FOLLOWERS: The Tate's entire holding of Blake watercolours, drawings and prints (150 in all) is shown together with pictures by John Linnell, Edward Calvert, Samuel Palmer and George Richmond. Lower Galleries, Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 7128). 10am-5.50pm, closes November 3.

THE ROYAL ACADEMY 223RD SUMMER EXHIBITION: This year the mixture is very much as before. Colour is generally strong, traditional draughtsmanship to the fore, and abstract works are scattered among the rest of the exhibits. Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (071-439 7438), 10am-6pm, closes August 18.

PROMS: The Norwegian Chamber Orchestra makes its first appearance at the Proms under the direction of violinist Iona Brown. The programme begins with two 20th century works for string orchestra, Britten's *Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge* and Strauss's *Metamorphosen*, and ends with Mozart's "Haffner" Serenade. Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9998), 7.30pm.

THE KOSH: Leicester receives the British premiere of a new work by the highly acclaimed theatre group, recognised for its pioneering approach to mixed media performance. *Dinner Dance* is a kitchen-sink-style drama which explores the confines of everyday life, and will be performed until Friday. Phoenix Arts Centre, 11 Newarke Street, Leicester (0533 554854), 8pm.

PAVAROTTI IN THE PARK: This two-hour performance by Luciano Pavarotti commemorates his 30 years as a top tenor. The Philharmonia Orchestra and

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18

VARAN

(c) A monitor lizard, of the genus *Varanus*, from the Ar. *waral*: "The Heloderms have not the scales with which they are covered surrounded by small squamous grains like the varnas."

MASSÉ

(c) In billiards, a sharp stroke made with the cue vertical, from the French *massé* a mace: "The technicalities of nursery cannons, massé cannons, and winning and losing hazards, he played well for an Englishman."

NAGA

(b) A snake, especially the cobra, in Hindu myth a divine snake, from the Sanskrit *nagā*: "The nagas possess secrets little dreamt of by creatures living on the surface, and theirs is a realm of magic and magnificence."

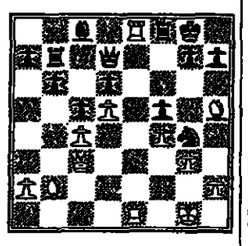
BAUSOND

(c) Of animals, having white spots, especially on the forehead, or a white stripe down the face, from the OF *bausant* black and white spotted; Robert Burns: "A faithful tyke . . . His honest sonsie bausond face."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Pytel -- Schnauwly, Switzerland 1991. White to play and win.



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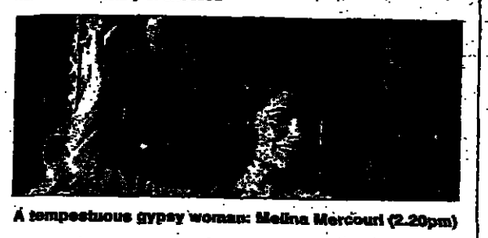
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6.00 **Ceefax** 8.30 **BBC Breakfast News**
9.05 **Around the World with Willy Fog.** Cartoon (r) 9.35 **Hartbeat** (r). (Ceefax)
10.00 **News**, regional news and weather 10.05 **Playdays** (r) 10.20 **Clockwise.** Darren Day hosts the race-against-time quiz (r) 10.50 **The O-Zone.** Pop music magazine
11.00 **News**, regional news and weather 11.05 **The High Chaparral.** Classic western series (r) 11.55 **The Travel Show Traveller.** The tourist attraction of Wensleydale in north Yorkshire (r)
12.00 **News**, regional news and weather 12.05 **The Garden Party.** Today's edition of the midday magazine attempts to discover the reasons behind the enduring popularity of George Formby 12.55 **Regional News** and weather
1.00 **One O'Clock News** and weather
1.30 **Neighbours.** (Ceefax) 1.50 **Tastes of Wales.** Gilli Davies treats herself to a variety of cheeses



A tempestuous gypsy woman: Melina Mercouri (2.20pm)

2.20 **Film: The Gypsy and the Gentleman** (1958).
● CHOICE: This Regency melodrama raised few ripples at the time and would go mainly unnoticed now but for its unlikely director, the expatriate American Joseph Losey. Forced out by the communist witch-hunt, Losey had settled in Britain. But work was hard to find and throughout the Fifties he found himself trying to make the best of subjects not of his choosing. *The Gypsy and the Gentleman*, charting the disastrous liaison between a Regency rake (Keith Michell) and a tempestuous gypsy woman (Melina Mercouri), was one of these. Losey had no artistic control and cuts were made after he had left the film. But the result is not without interest. For one thing Losey achieved a striking visual texture, inspired by Rowlandson prints. For another, the theme of an aristocrat being destroyed by a social upstart foreshadowed the relationship between Dirk Bogarde and James Fox in Losey's 1963 film, *The Servant*
4.05 **The Slot Machine.** Cartoon 4.10 **The All New Popeye Show** 4.30 **The Really Wild Show.** Terry Nutkins introduces viewers to a 14-day-old white rhino, a flea and a pygmy hippo (r). (Ceefax)
4.55 **Newsround** 5.05 **Byker Grove.** Episode three (r). (Ceefax)
5.35 **Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Peter Sissons and Jill Dando. Weather
6.30 **Regional News Magazines.** Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 **Good Sport.** A celebration of sporting activities presented by Paula Hamilton, John Fashanu and Jim Allen. (Ceefax)
7.30 **EastEnders.** (Ceefax)
8.00 **Waiting for God.** Graham Crowden and Stephanie Cole star in the sprightly sitcom set in a retirement home (r). (Ceefax)
8.30 **The Doctor.**
● CHOICE: The series about Dr Barry Brewster and his practice in the Yorkshire Dales weaves together three more stories and continues to hint at the politics behind dispensing health care in a rural community. The programme begins with a 4am call to an elderly man suffering chest pains. Even at that hour in the morning, Dr Brewster is the sort of doctor anyone would want to have, kind, considerate and prepared to spend as much time as it takes. The old chap, it transpires, used to be the doctor's PT teacher at school. If Dr Brewster's world is physically large, covering some 30 square miles, in the human sense it is very small. The GP needs all his bedside manner when he visits 93-year-old Willie, who cannot look after himself but hates going to hospital. If this watchable series demonstrates anything, it is that a doctor's work does not finish when he has written his prescriptions. (Ceefax)
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 **Film: Blood Vows — The Story of a Mafia Wife** (1987). *Little House On the Prairie* star Melissa Gilbert fails for Italian Joe Penny — and then meets the Family. This run-of-the-mill television thriller is rescued from mediocrity by the strong cast, which includes Eileen Brennan and Talia Shire. Directed by Paul Wendkos. (Ceefax)
11.00 **Cagney and Lacey.** Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly are assigned temporarily to the narcotics squad (r). (Ceefax)
11.50 **Summer of 66.** To mark the 25th anniversary of England's only World Cup win John Motson introduces highlights of English football's finest hour, the 4-2 victory over West Germany (r). (Ceefax) 12.30am **Weather.** Wales: News headlines and weather

BBC 2

6.45 **Open University:** Physics — Special Relativity 7.10 Technology: Patterns in the Dust. Ends at 7.35
8.00 **News**
8.15 **Designs on Europe.** The work of Danish architect Henning Larsen (r) 8.55 **A Day in the Life** of two Suffolk smallholders (r)
9.00 **Catchword.** Word-based game show hosted by Paul Coia (r)
9.30 **Songs on a Wall.** A profile of Irish songwriter Colum Sands
10.10 **Revelations of a Mummy.** What a team of scholars from Manchester discovered when they unwrapped a mummy — the first to be scientifically examined this century (r)
11.00 **He Who Dares.** Professional stuntman Derek Ware talks about his somewhat dangerous line of work (r)
11.30 **In the Garden.** Dennis Cornish shows how a sprinkle of water can revive a garden
11.50 **Bodyline.** Ludicrous drama about the 1932-33 English cricket tour of Australia. England's captain Douglas Jardine unveils his bodyline plan (r). (Ceefax)
1.20 **Johnson and Friends.** The first of a 12-part puppet series 1.30 **Barney.** Cartoon fun (r)
1.35 **Sign Extra: Family Matters — Bereavement.** Signing and subtitled version of a programme about telling a child someone has died (r)
2.00 **News** and weather followed by **Northern Arts: Northumbrian Pipes.** Profile of a traditional pipe player (r)
2.15 **Racing: Glorious Goodwood.** Julian Wilson introduces live coverage of four of the first day races — the 2.30, 3.10, 3.45 (William Hill Stewards' Cup) and 4.15
4.30 **Holiday 91.** Anne Gregg presents a Greece special (r). (Ceefax)
5.00 **When in Germany: Munich.** The Teutonic tour takes in the Bavarian way of life
5.30 **Gardeners' World.** How the pioneers of the peony revamped their business (r)
6.00 **Film: Foreign Intrigue** (1956). Robert Mitchum noses around in this pre-Bond spy drama, going to Europe to investigate the mysterious death of his former employer, which is perhaps taking corporate loyalty a little too far. Genevieve Page provides the love interest. Sheldon Reynolds directs
7.35 **Bilko** (b/w). Phil Silvers is the wisecracking sergeant, out to butter up Colonel Hall by arranging a round of golf with the president (r)
8.00 **Black on Europe: Great Britain.** Although the situation is far from perfect, Britain has better race relations than virtually anywhere within the European Community. But when British Afro-Caribbeans and Asians travel abroad, they often come up against prejudice from officials who refuse to believe their credentials. The single market of 1992 will remove barriers to travelling and working within the EC, which has led to fears that black people in the United Kingdom will be treated as potential illegal immigrants, regardless of their legitimate nationality
8.30 **Red Arctic: Icebreaker.** With the advent of powerful nuclear-driven icebreaker ships, a sea route across the Arctic from the Atlantic to the Pacific has become possible for half the year. This in turn has opened up ports on the north Siberian coast, whose resources are essential to the future of the Soviet economy. This film follows a convoy as it thrusts its way through the ice packs, with the danger of floes crushing the vessels an ever-present menace. (Ceefax)
9.00 **The Best of Saturday Night Clive.** With a sneak look inside Burt Reynolds's living room and a helping of New Zealand television (r)
9.45 **Dancing Girls of Lahore.** The girls are the modern-day descendants of the courtesans who flourished under the rule of the Moguls in the Punjab. They dance and perform in other ways for any men who want to visit their "offices", which are hidden among the buildings which housed the great courts. Most girl dancers come from the Kanjar community, whose traditions are handed down through the generations, with the birth of a girl being a cause for celebration, as it is the women whose dancing provides the family's wealth. But the way in which the women are forced into their profession can cause dissent
10.30 **Newsnight** presented by Francine Stock



Playing his jazz repertoire: the organist Jimmy Smith (11.15pm)

11.15 **Jazz 625: Jimmy Smith** (b/w). Philadelphian organist Jimmy Smith runs through his repertoire with guitarist Quentin Warren and drummer Billy Hart 11.55 **Weather**
12.00 **Open University:** The Art of Commerce. Ends at 12.30am

ITV

6.00 **TV-am**
9.25 **Inspector Gadget.** Cartoon (r) 9.50 **Regional News** and weather
9.55 **Nonni.** Episode two of the children's adventure serial set in 19thcentury Iceland (r)
10.50 **News** headlines 10.55 **Good Morning, Miss Bliss.** Hayley Mills stars as the unorthodox schoolteacher in this American drama series
11.25 **Ox Tales** 11.55 **Thames News** 12.00 **Cartoon.** Donald Duck 12.10 **Rod, Jane and Freddy.** Lots of musical instruments get played and sung about today (r)
12.30 **News** with Nicholas Owen. Weather 1.10 **Thames News** and weather
1.20 **Home and Away.** (Oracle) 1.50 **A Country Practice**
2.20 **Take the High Road.** Scottish drama serial set in the Highlands 2.50 **All Clued Up.** Game show for married couples
3.15 **ITN News** headlines 3.20 **Thames News** headlines 3.25 **Families.** Soap linking the north of England with Australia
3.55 **Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends** (r) 4.00 **Huxley Pig** (r) 4.15 **The Dreamstone.** Animated fantasy adventure series (r) 4.40 **Children's Ward.** Award-winning drama for children (r). (Oracle)
5.10 **Blockbusters.** Bob Holness hosts the general knowledge quiz for teenagers
5.40 **News** with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 **Thames Help.** Jackie Spreckley continues her series on the expanding arts scene for London's disabled with a look at the Grassa Theatre Company
6.00 **Home and Away** (r). (Oracle)
6.30 **Thames News** and weather
7.00 **Emmerdale.** Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle)
7.30 **Night Duty.** This last of the series about people who work through the hours of darkness follows different night cleaners, from the London Dungeon cleaner to loo cleaners in Leicester Square
8.00 **The Bill: A Corporal of Horse.** Fast-paced police drama. Policewoman Marshall (Lynne Miller) puts a PC's career on the line — but is she doing the right thing? With William Gaminara and David Chandler
8.30 **The Best of Tommy Cooper.** Another selection of gems from the comic genius, who died in 1984. He invites us to join a karate class with a difference, faces the hazards of performing a cabaret act on board ship and treats us to more of his crazy conjuring. With support from Allan Cuthbertson, Patrick Durkin and the Lionel Blair Dancers



Blackmail threat: Michael Nouri and Jaclyn Smith (9.00pm)

9.00 **Sidney Sheldon's Rage of Angels: The Story Continues.** Part three of the mini-series has New York lawyer Jennifer Parker in Rome, where her son has a terrible accident and she learns some surprising information from the imposing Marchesa Allabrandi (Angela Lansbury). Back in America, Jennifer has a brief rendezvous with Adam Warner and has to tell him about Moretti's blackmail threat. Starring Jaclyn Smith and Michael Nouri. Part four comes after the News. (Oracle)
10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather 10.30 **Thames News** and weather
10.40 **Sidney Sheldon's Rage of Angels: The Story Continues.** Concluding the mini-series. Jennifer's life is under threat from powerful mobster James Moretti, who is out to blackmail her and her lover, vice president Adam Warner. (Oracle)
11.30 **Prisoner: Cell Block H.** Australian drama
12.30am **Videoview.** Mariella Frostrup presents a run-down of the latest video releases and a profile of Gerard Depardieu
1.00 **Duels of the Mind.** Raymond Keene, Grandmaster and *The Times*'s chess correspondent, presents 12 of the most celebrated chess games of all time, this week focusing on the Aron Nimzowitsch v Fritz Samisch game played in 1923 in Copenhagen
1.30 **Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The World's Oldest Motive.** A husband is fed up with being nagged by a domineering wife
2.00 **Donahue.** Phil Donahue talks to two men who are in love, gay and want to get married. Donahue asks if same sex marriages should be made legal
3.00 **60 Minutes.** American news and current affairs magazine
4.00 **Entertainment UK.** Up-to-the-minute guide to the best in film, theatre, dance and music from across the country
5.00 **Three's Company.** American sitcom starring John Ritter
5.30 **ITN Morning News** with Tim Nelson. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 **The Channel Four Daily**
9.25 **The Story of . . . The Kinks** (r)
10.25 **Famous for 4 Minutes.** A member of the public talks about his or her fears and aspirations
10.30 **Crosstalk.** Young people are given the chance to discuss topics that concern them (r)
11.00 **As It Happens: Risky Business.** Michael Groth goes for a spin at Silverstone (r)
12.00 **All the Waters.** A new documentary series in which Julian Mitchell takes a rowing boat trip down the River Wye to recreate journeys made by the first tourists in the 18th century
12.30 **Business Daily** presented by Susannah Simons
1.00 **Sesame Street.** Pre-school learning series (r)
2.00 **Sagra.** A documentary following preparations for the spectacular celebrations held by the Italian community at St Peter's Church, in Clerkenwell, east London
2.30 **Film: Neutral Port** (1940, b/w). Second world war action thriller starring Will Fyffe as the owner-captain of a freighter who decides to steal a German ship from a neutral port after his own vessel is sunk by a U-boat. Directed by Marcel Varnel
4.10 **Film: Flat Foot Stooges** (1938, b/w). Three Stooges short in which the boys join the fire service, with predictably chaotic results
4.30 **Countdown.** The words and numbers game show
5.00 **Noah's Ark.** A visit to the Iberian peninsula to see the holm oak, a tree that flourishes in arid conditions (r)
5.30 **A Century of Childhood: Work.** Series exploring the changing experience of childhood in the 20th century (r). (Teletext)
6.00 **Dust.** Sitcom about an ill-matched couple living in Los Angeles
6.30 **QD — The Master Game.** Game show
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Jon Snow and Zainab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather 7.50 **Comment**
8.00 **Opinions.** Ian McColl, professor of surgery at Guys hospital in London argues that self-governing hospitals have encouraged staff to put patients first
8.30 **The Literary Island: Shropshire.**
● CHOICE: Melvyn Bragg's enjoyable series on literature and the British landscape continues to wear its erudition lightly. A half hour that takes in Shakespeare, Milton and D.H. Lawrence could easily become a stodgy piece of Eng Lit but Bragg's approach is unfailingly accessible. These and other writers, not forgetting the native Salopians A.E. Houseman and Mary Webb, are effortlessly fitted into a scheme that emphasises Shropshire as both the essence of rural England and a border county with a long history of conflict. Houseman's "soldiers marching, all to die" is linked with the first world war poetry of Wilfred Owen, born in Oswestry and killed on the western front. While Houseman started with nature and anticipated war, Owen counterpointed his vision of the slaughter with images of Shropshire buttercups. (Teletext)



A scene from Andrzej Wajda's *Man of Marble* (9.00pm)

9.00 **Ashes to Diamonds to Ashes.**
● CHOICE: A survey of the Polish film industry, before and after the collapse of communism, is annotated by its distinguished elder statesman, the director Andrzej Wajda. The programme ranges widely in time, starting just after the second world war and coming more or less up to the present day. One of its strengths is that it does not confine itself to the films and film-makers that have gained an international reputation. But there is no commentary and much more explanation is needed for the non-specialist viewer. Clips can mean nothing unless they are set in context. Wajda's comments, however, are always shrewd, not least when he is discussing the position of young film-makers today. He makes the point that in his day the central concern was easily defined: the fight for democracy, freedom and the right of self-expression. Now that freedom has come, new questions will have to be formulated
10.00 **Film: Custody** (1987). A drama-documentary about a couple (Judith Stratford and Peter Browne) embarking on a long and acrimonious divorce centring on the issue of who has custody of the children. Directed by Ian Munro
11.50 **Dick Powell Theatre: Doyle Against the House.** *Thin Man* Dick Powell both hosts and stars in the occasional episode of the series that attracted some of the top stars, writers, producers and actors in Hollywood. In this first episode, Milton Berle and Jan Sterling are involved with strange shenanigans at a sleazy casino
12.50am **Ian Dury and the Blockheads** recorded at London's Hammersmith Odeon in 1985. Ends at 1.55

TV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Anglia News 7.30-8.00 A Green Day Out 12.25am Murphy's Law 1.30 New Sessions 2.00 Entertainment UK 3.00 Night Flight 4.00 The Patter Merchants 4.30 Jack Thompson Down Under 5.00-5.30 A Green Day Out

BORDER
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Tuesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Way of the Lakes 11.40 North and South 1.30 Wrestling 2.30 Film: Johann Strauss — the King Without a Crown 4.35 About Britain 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 6.25-7.00 Central News 7.30-8.00 Survival — The First 30 Years 8.30-9.00 Family Pride 11.30 North and South 1.15am How Was It For You? 1.45 Baseball 2.50 Special Squad 3.45 Cover Story 4.10-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 7.30-8.00 The Good Life Show 11.40 North and South 1.30 Wrestling 2.30 Film: Johann Strauss — The King Without A Crown 4.35 About Britain 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Sullivans 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 The Good Neighbour Show

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Caribbean Castaway

SCOTTISH
As London except: 1.50pm That's History 2.30-2.50 The Sullivans 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Trailblazers 7.30-8.00 Survival — The First 30 Years 11.30 Murder, She Wrote 12.30am Special Squad 1.25 Married...with Children 1.55 60 Minutes 2.55 The Twilight Zone 3.25 Raw Power 4.25 Some Call It Jazz 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 A Brush With Art 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Way of the Lakes 11.40 North and South 1.30 Wrestling 2.30 Film: Johann Strauss — the King Without a Crown 4.35 About Britain 5.00 to 5.30 TSW Farming Week

TVS
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 5.10 to 5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 The Green Life Guide 11.40 Hardball 12.40 City Centre Cycling 1.40 Film: Murder Without Crime 3.05 CinemAttractions 3.35 60 Minutes 4.30 About Britain 5.00-5.30 Coast to Coast People

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 That's History 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 The Works 11.40 North and South 1.30 Wrestling 2.30 Film: Johann Strauss — The King Without a Crown 4.35 About Britain 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 McGillowery's Way 11.40 North and South 1.30 Wrestling 2.30 Film: Johann Strauss — the King Without a Crown 4.35 About Britain 5.00 to 5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Daytime Green 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Taxi 11.30 Viewpoint 12.30 Crime Story 1.30 Video View 1.55 60 Minutes 2.55 Music Box 3.55 About Britain 4.25-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 8.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Sbectel 9.30 Lawsyn Lwcus 9.55 Sesame Street 10.50 Film: Millions Like Us* 12.30 Newyddion 12.35 Noah's Ark 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Tane Signa 2.30 A Sense of Belonging 3.30 The Wagon Train* 4.30 Dennis 4.45 I Love Lucy* 5.15 The Best of the Word 5.45 Hanci-6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Hano 6.35 Now You're Talking 7.00 Teulu'r Tir 7.30 Pais Maen 8.00 Profiles of Nature 8.30 9.00 The Manageress 10.00 The Golden Girls 10.30 Sound Stuff 11.30 Crime Does Not Pay* 11.50 Dick Powell Theatre 12.50am Late Night Music 1.55 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 3.05pm News followed by Perry Mason 4.00 News followed by Kate and Allie 4.35 Clayhanger 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 6.35 The Big Race 7.25 Natural Causes 8.05 Jeeves and Wooster 9.00 News 9.20 May to December 9.55 Somewhere Barbra Streisand 10.50 St Elsewhere 11.40 News 11.50 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.55pm Bosco 3.25 Baber 3.50 Wizard of Oz 4.15 Mike and Angelo 4.40 The Big Race 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Fleadhanna 7.30 Empty Nest 8.00 News followed by The Streets of San Francisco 9.00 American Dreamer 9.25 News followed by Gabriel's Fire 10.25 Auto International 10.50 News 11.05 The Twilight Zone 11.30 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Doctor, Doctor 8.00 King: Conclusion of the three-part mini series 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Werewolf 11.00 Police Story 12.00 Monsters 12.30am Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In 1.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Getaway 3.30 Our World: Ark on the Move 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Target 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Target 3.30 CBS News 4.30 Target

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 A Bunny's Tale (1985): A journalist goes undercover at a Playboy club
12.00 The Three Musketeers (1973): Richard Lester's swashbuckling adventure
2.00pm Three Bandits (1961): Fantasy-comedy from ex-Python Terry Gilliam. A group of dwarves travels through time to steal from the rich. Starring John Cleese
4.00 Oh God! (1977): The Supreme Being (George Burns) chooses a mild-mannered supermarket manager to spread the word of his Second Coming
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.30 Pavarotti in the Park: Live from Hyde Park, London, in the presence of the Prince of Wales
10.00 Warbirds (1988): A graduate from the Top Gun Flying School undertakes a spectacular air-borne adventure
11.30 Return of the Killer Tomatoes (1988): Sequel to *Attack of the Killer Tomatoes*. A mad scientist conducts strange experiments with tomatoes and hamens
1.05am Blind Hate (1990): True story of Morris Dees, who devoted his life to fighting the Ku Klux Klan and other extremist groups. Starring Corbin Bernsen
2.40 King of the City (1986): A native young man is sucked into a dangerous world of drug-dealing and violence in Hollywood
4.15 *Getting It Right* (1989): Comedy following the sexual awakening of a 31-year-old virgin. Ends at 5.55

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Violent Moment (1959): A disturbed young man murders the woman he lives with. Starring Lynden Brook
8.15 Comet Quest: The Adventures of Mark Twain (1985): Filmed in "claymation". Mark Twain attempts to rendezvous with Halley's comet
10.15 The Detective (1954): Alec Guinness stars as G.K. Chesterton's sleuthing priest Father Brown
12.15pm Rocket Gibraltar (1988): The grown children and grandchildren of a dying patriarch gather for his birthday party
2.15 The Buddy Holly Story (1978): Musical drama about the life and premature death of the rock n' roll singer. Starring Gary Busey
4.15 Aurora Encounter (1986): An alien lands on the doorstep of a small town newspaper editor. Starring Jack Elam
6.00 Mary, Queen of Scots (1971): Vanessa Redgrave and Glenda Jackson play the warring Mary Tudor and Elizabeth I
8.15 Why Would I Lie? (1980): A social worker, who is a compulsive liar, tries to reunite a feminist and her ex-convict mother
10.15 Tap (1986): A tap dancer is released from jail and attempts to stay on the straight and narrow. Starring Gregory Hines
12.05am Friday the 13th Part Eight — Jason Takes Manhattan (1989): The psychotic killer continues his killing spree in the Big Apple. Starring Jensen Daggett
1.45 All That Jazz (1979): Surreal musical fantasy based on the life and loves of the late director-choreographer Bob Fosse
3.50 Tropic of Cancer (1970): The exploits of an American author in Twenties Paris, adapted from Henry Miller's erotic novel. Starring Rip Torn. Ends at 5.20

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
1.00pm Tuff Trax 2.00 Test Match Cricket: England v West Indies 4.00 Superbouts
5.00 Hydroplaning 6.00 American Sports Cavalcade 7.00 Watersports 8.00 Sheffield Steel: A Celebration of The World Student Games 10.00 Power Hour Wrestling 11.00 Kick-Boxing
3.30 Fight Night at The Forum 5.00 Stop-Offshore Powerboat Racing 6.00 Pro Superbike 1991 8.30 Action Auto 7.00 Motor Sport Drag 8.00 The Best of Pro Box 10.00 Powersports 11.00 World Snooker Classics

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Cycling Tour de France Best Moments 2.00 Tennis Mercedes Cup Stuttgart Final 4.00 Football Ladies Euro Championships Denmark Final 5.30 Supercross Bercy France 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Car Racing WSCC Le Mans 8.00 Gymnastics Gymnestrada Amsterdam 9.00 Offshore Italy 9.30 Cycling Tour de France Best Moments 10.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Tennis 8.45 US Men's Pro Bowlers 10.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 11.00 Gymnastics 12.00 Grand Prix Sailing 1.00pm Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 2.00 UK Athletics 3.00 British Touring Car Championships

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Great Chefs of San Francisco 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Body Talk 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Divorce Court 2.30 Lifestyle Plus 2.40 Dante 3.10 White Shadow 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 The Betty White Show 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only): Women and Music
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Mendelssohn (Overture, Ruy Blas: LSO under Claudio Abbado); Bach (Violin Concerto in E, BWV 1042: David Oistrakh; Vienna SO)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Bax (Tintagel: Ulster Orchestra under Bryden Thomson); MacCunn (The Land of the Mountain and the Flood: Scottish National Orchestra under Alexander Gibson); Delius (Scandinavian Songs)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Arthur Bliss. Fair Is My Love; Tune on My Pipe the Praises of My Love, from Serenade (LSO under Brian Priestman, with John Shirley-Quirk, baritone); Masks (Kathron Sturrock, piano); String Quartet No 2 (Delmé String Quartet)
9.35 Morning Sequence: Barber (Music for a Scene from Shelley, Op 7); Richard Hall (There Grow the Flowers; My Star; Infant Joy); Federico Mompou, orch Tansman (Scènes d'enfants); Debussy (Images, Book 1); Leo Brouwer (Retrats catalans; F. Mompou, La puesia; A. Gandi, el ritrio); Monteverdi (Lamento della Ninfa); Edward MacDowell (Symphonic poem, Hamlet and Ophelia, Op 22); Mozart (Piano Sonata in F, K 533/494)
11.25 College Concert: BBC Philharmonic under Jan Latham-Koenig performs Mozart (Symphony No 41 in C, K 551, Jupiter); Sibelius (Violin Concerto in D minor: Dmitry Sitkovetsky); Wagner (Prelude and Liebestod, Tristan and Isolde)
1.00pm News
1.05 Herne Early Music Festival: In the second of three programmes, Das Kleine Konzert under Hermann Max, with Barbara Schlick, soprano, Harry van der Kamp, bass, performs J.C. Bach (Sinfonia in F; Cantata, Inc; Sinfonia in D minor: Pygmalion)
2.40 The Hidden Treasure: Medici String Quartet performs Mozart (Quartet in D, K 499); John Tavener (The Hidden Treasure — first performance); Beethoven (Quartet in C sharp minor, Op 131)
4.15 Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, Berlin Philharmonic Choir, with Phyllis Bryn-Julson, soprano, Gabriele Sima, mezzo-soprano, under Claudio Abbado perform Stravinsky (Le Roi des étoiles); Debussy (La Damoiselle élue); Brahms (Symphony No 1 in C minor, Op 68)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure
7.00 News
7.05 Spectrum: The Greatest Story. Colin Tudge in conversation with the third of six scientists. John Barrow, professor of astronomy at Sussex university, explores the desire of physicists to devise a theory to explain the material world (r)
7.30 Proms 1991: Live from the Albert Hall, London. Norwegian Chamber Orchestra under Iona Brown performs Britten (Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge); Strauss (Metamorphosen). 8.25 Michael Oliver talks to Iona Brown and other members of the Norwegian CO. 8.45 Mozart (Serenade in D, K 250, Haffner)
9.50 Drama Now: Death and the Tango
● CHOICE: Already a Giles Cooper award winner, John Fletcher's metaphysical comedy thriller is now a BBC entry for this year's Prix Italia. And nobody who has already heard this fantasy about two young Birmingham men (Christian Rodska, Steve Hodson), whose respective passions for tango darkness and Renaissance light take them on an extra-terrestrial odyssey, will be surprised if the Prix Italia judges follow the lead of the Giles Cooper judges. A brilliant script has found in Nigel Bryant a director who pushes radio drama potential to the outer limit (r)
11.05 Spanish Renaissance Motets: Choir of Westminster Cathedral under David Hill sings Alonso Lobo (Ave Maria); Francisco Guerrero (O altitudo divitiarum); Lobo (Verse est in luctum). With Andrew Lawrence-King, double harp, Andrew Van der Beek, bass dulcian, James O'Donnell, organ
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Vivaldi (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 8.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.43 A Year in Provence: December. Peter Mayle completes his award-winning account (s) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Clarke: 071-580-4411
10.00 News; Medicine Now
10.30 Morning Story: No Other Way, by James Cooke. Read by Francesca Ryan
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; A Secular Ceremony: The Funeral. In the first of four programmes, Chris Dunkley examines the secular alternative to divine rites as society becomes progressively less religious (r)
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent
11.50 Northings: Foolish Gold. The fifth of six tales of life in northern latitudes by Vaughan Purvis
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past: In the first of eight programmes, Robert Booth peruses the past and indulges in light-hearted conversation with John Sessions, Christinia Hardyment, Michael Wood and John Barton (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Wendy Austin talks with Margaret McQueen, consultant orthopaedic surgeon at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh
3.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Memory Is a Chameleon. Anton Lesser and Julia Swift star in Neil Tidmarsh's play about a married couple with very different recollections of a foreigner's visit to their city (s)
3.32 The Tingle Factor
● CHOICE: In 28 minutes flat, as well as selecting musical items that give her a frisson, Baroness Delia O'Cathain, who runs London's Barbican Centre, also manages to make meaningful observations about the after-life (in which she believes without reservation) and European unity (she has small doubts about the Euro-tomato). Her strong Christian faith explains her choice of Stainer's *Crucifixion*, and her former top job with the Milk Marketing Board explains her selection of Owen Brannigan singing *Leanin'* ("on the gate beside the stacks of new-mown hay") (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Age to Age: Denis Winter tells Christopher Lee why he believes Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, the commander of the British forces in the first world war, owed his rise to powerful patrons and not to professional expertise or to results on the battlefield
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Paul Bailey reviews the life and career of the Russian writer Natalia Berberova; there is an interview with the opera singer Willard White; Judy Mewseazen visits the International Youth Drama Festival in Dublin; and Bryan Robertson listens to the sounds of colour at the Cheltenham Art Gallery (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 The Million Pound Radio Show: Comedy show (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.06 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Stuart Simon reports on recent revelations that Iraq has been cheating on the nuclear non-proliferation treaty
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Eva and Adamson: The first of four stories from a fictional marriage, written and read by Leonard Barnes
8.45 In Touch: Magazine for the visually handicapped
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Talking it Over, by Julian Barnes (2 of 10)
11.00 The Radio Programme (s) (r)
11.30 Ulysses: Stephen Rea reads the second of a 16-part adaptation of James Joyce's monumental novel
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m; Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM: 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; Melody FM 104.9.

RADIO 1

Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies: Let's Do Lunch 3.00 Gary King in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 The Hit According to Jonathan King: Jonathan King explains how to succeed in the pop business (r) 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Brian Hayes 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm Michael Ball 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Tim Rice 5.05 Chris Serle 7.00 Some of These Days: A quiz about today's date in history 7.30 Steve

Tories woo women in the run-up to election

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

THERE is a growing expectation among ministers that the Conservative election manifesto will contain a pledge to give working mothers help with the cost of child care — whether or not their employers provide nurseries.

The government has been at pains to demonstrate its concern for women since the furore when John Major named his first cabinet without a woman.

Angela Rumbold, the minister of state at the Home Office, yesterday offered herself as a national agony aunt in



Rumbold: agony aunt for British women

a new effort to reach the woman in the street and to convince women that the government is aware of their problems and listening to what they have to say.

Mrs Rumbold, who heads the ministerial group on women's issues, said she wanted to reach out and talk to women outside the networks which already had the ear of the government. She told a meeting of the Soroptimist International in Nottingham: "I am going to hold a series of informal meetings with women from all parts of the country: women whose lives reflect the lives of the majority of women."

Mrs Rumbold issued an invitation which could see her office deluged with problem-page correspondence, saying: "I want to hear for myself about the problems of living in the cities and in the country; the worries of the young mother and the pensioner, the challenges of the playgroup leader and the schoolteacher, the daily tribulations of the nurse and the shop assistant, the ups and downs of getting started in business."

Mrs Rumbold said that the number of registered child minders in workplaces had increased 25 per cent over the past two years, while the number of places in nurseries had increased 60 per cent, following the boost from tax concessions.

Mr Major, as Chancellor, removed the tax which women earning more than £8,500 a year had to pay on the provision of workplace nurseries, and there was a flurry of expectation before this year's budget that there would be a tax concession on childcare costs for women whose firms did not provide workplace nurseries. That did not happen, but speculation has increased in ministerial circles that something will be offered, either in a pre-election budget next spring or as a pledge in the Conservative manifesto.

In a recent speech to the Conservative women's conference Mr Major said he wanted an "opportunity society for women as well as men". He said that more women wanted what men took for granted — "career, marriage and family" — and it was the role of government to set a framework which enabled women to make their own choices. The government had increased the value of child benefit and safeguarded it for the future because "it does not discriminate between those who go out to work and those who do not", he said.

POSTCARD FROM JAMAICA

Sanitised, deodorised and sealed for your vacation

Americans on holiday are demanding the whole package, Harvey Elliott writes



Lie back and think of hedonism: there is little else to do on the all-inclusive American package holiday — coming soon to a travel agent near you

THERE are no tall palm trees to provide shade on Negril's long sandy beaches this year, since disease and hurricane Gilbert killed them off.

The tumble of tiny, colourful shacks which were also destroyed in the great storm have all reappeared, however, and — provided you can quickly establish that you are English, and have a love of cricket — their beaming inhabitants are happy to offer anything from *ganja* to Jamaican dollars at an astonishingly good exchange rate. The drugs traffickers, it is said, need the hard currency and are prepared to pay well for it.

The smile which follows the realisation that the local traders are talking to someone from Britain rather than the United States has much to do with the all-inclusive package which is rapidly taking over as the American way of spending a holiday.

Once inside their pristine, air-conditioned hotel complexes, such as the Grand Lido, the tourists never leave, safe in the knowledge that everything they may want has already been paid for in advance as part of the total package.

Why should they leave a hotel where any drink, from champagne to exotic cocktails, is available 24 hours a day, where the handful of smokers can simply ask for a new pack of cigarettes and do not have to put their hand in their pocket to pay for it? It may be good for the hoteliers and make sense for the tourist, but it is infuriating the locals.

The very idea of including everything in the brochure price used to send shivers down the spines of tour operators. Gradually, however, British tour operators, including even Thomson Holidays, are catching on to the American idea. The reason lies in a psychological phenomenon which grips even the most dedicated hedonist when confronted with unlimited, and apparently "free" booze.

Even ordering a full bottle of wine — provided without a murmer — at dinner is somehow not the thing to do when all around are drinking seltzer or healthy fruit drinks. With a perfectly formed smile and slight shake of the head they can shame anyone into feeling guilty by taking full advantage of what "all-inclusive" really means.

Occasionally newly arrived younger people, overcome by the freely available alcohol, knock back vast amounts. Yet, once they realise it is always available, most calm down.

Even the occasional older, rich sophisticate, who actually accepts a bloody Mary at breakfast, drinks champagne and fine wines with every meal and the finest brandy afterwards, has been calculated for.

In an all-inclusive hotel such as Grand Lido there is classical music at breakfast, afternoon tea in the lobby and "cocktail cruises" each evening on the yacht which was used by Prince Rainier and Princess Grace for their honeymoon. But ask the Americans if they have seen the sunset from the village or eaten jerk chicken from a roadside shack, and they show blank amazement.

The tour operators say all-inclusive packages are here to stay. In the meantime, I'm going to ignore the athletic bronzed giant jogging past on his way to the torture-chamber gymnasium and order another large Famous Grouse — and hold the ice.

Holiday kidnapping feared

By Ray Clancy

A BRITISH toddler missing for almost a week on the Greek holiday island of Kos may have been kidnapped, police said last night. Ben Needham, aged two, from Sheffield, was last seen playing by his grandparents last Wednesday. A search by the Greek police, army and fire brigade so far has failed to find any trace of him.

The boy was playing near a house where his mother, her brother and parents were working. His mother, Kerry, told police she was working inside the house and thought her brother had taken Ben to the beach for a swim. The British embassy in Athens said Miss Needham, a single parent, arrived on the island in March to redecorate the house of a friend. Ben's father, who lives in Britain, has been told about his son's disappearance.

Elsewhere, a British woman has died on board a liner after a fire broke out, two people died in a car crash on the Isle of Wight and the body of a yachtsman has been found, apparently after he had been knocked overboard.

Jacqueline Keogan, aged 21, a hairdresser on the cruise ship Maxim Gorky, was one of three people who died in a fire on the liner off the coast of Norway last Friday, it was disclosed last night. A Russian woman and an Austrian man also died.

The body of a 66-year-old man was found yesterday near Dale, Dyfed, after his empty yacht ran aground with its engine running. It was thought he had fallen overboard. Two people died in a car crash in Ryde, Isle of Wight, yesterday afternoon. Earlier in the day 14 French schoolchildren were taken to hospital after their minibus overturned on the M4 near Swindon, Wiltshire. Near Brighton, the body of a swimmer, believed to be a pensioner, was found in the sea after a search by coastguards.

Yeltsin to join summit with Bush

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and normal, businesslike contacts" between them.

This is the first time that republican leaders have figured in the president's delegation for a superpower summit, although Mr Nazarbayev accompanied Mr Gorbachev to Spain last year, and represents a change of tack by the Soviet leader. In London two weeks ago, President Gorbachev went out of his way to present himself as sole leader of a united country, travelling with a mandate from the nine republics. In Moscow, Mr Gorbachev will present himself more as chairman of a federation of states.

Although the formal highlight of the summit will be the signing tomorrow of the Start treaty, reducing strategic-range nuclear missiles by around 30 per cent. Mr Bush said before leaving Washington that this would not be "an arms control summit". The US side is reported to be keen to discuss foreign policy issues generally, and the Soviet side wants to discuss economic relations.

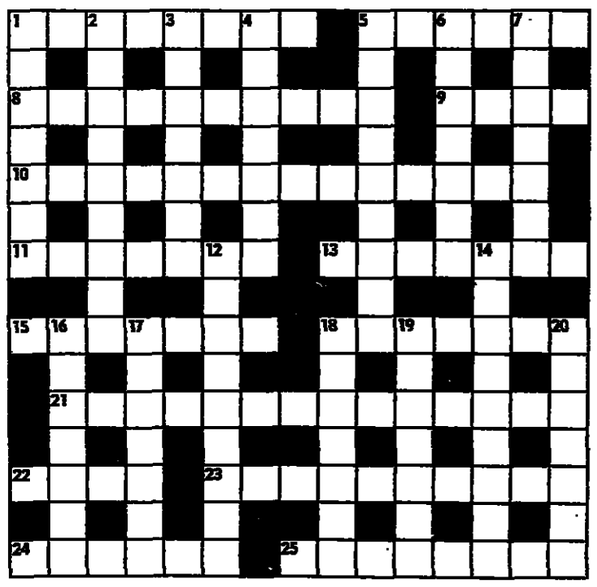
Mr Gorbachev's spokesman also indicated yesterday that the Soviet side would like the signing of the Start treaty, which has been nine years in preparation, to lay the foundation for a future, more ambitious treaty on strategic nuclear weapons. The agreed text of what may become Start I was initialled by the Soviet and American chief negotiators in Geneva yesterday and will be flown to Moscow today. Final details of how the Start treaty would be implemented were discussed yesterday in Moscow by the Soviet foreign minister, Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, and his American counterpart, James Baker, who arrived several hours before President Bush.

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

The ones that run and run: *The Mousetrap* is in its 39th glorious year, *Run For Your Wife* in its ninth. *Les Misérables* is touted as "the world's most popular musical" — and has the advance bookings to back up the claim. Benedict Nightingale examines the long-distance runners, and asks how much of their success is due to their entertainment value, and how much to hype

Plus: Property buyers looking for more house — or manor, or castle — for their money are finding it in Ireland. Christopher Warman on the profits of going emerald green

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,671



ACROSS

1 How to escape paying for the eggs it produces? (8).
5 Jolson rejected a head-dress made from this cloth (6).
8 Old farmhand moves his empty lorry grudgingly (10).
9 Retreat to opposite sides, crossing the main road (4).
10 After initiating burglary, perhaps, he banked coins secretly (6,4,4).
11 Most obtrusive yobbo taking in some of the French (7).
13 Workers, maybe, belonging to splinter groups (7).
15 Return fare covers musician carried too far (7).
18 Seductress — one about to become a blackmailer (7).
21 Working frantically for set fee? No fun! (3,3,4,4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,670

C	H	R	I	S	T	M	A	S	E	V	E			
O		A		P		A		A		E		A		G
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B		E		E		N		A		T		R		A
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		H	E	A	R	T	B	E	N	D	I	N	G	

ACROSS

22 State made reported payment? Gosh! (4).
23 Order given by popular union (10).
24 Man of honour no longer at hand? But he is! (6).
25 Spring outfit includes new compact (4-4).

DOWN

1 Its levels for comparison may be sound (7).
2 Card-game for fellow members here (9).
3 A sign for the rest (7).
4 Fail to get trip to Seoul? (4,3).
5 Primal chaos prevailing initially in an old country (9).
6 Sack attendant with internal complaint (7).
7 How to injure one's neck, say, at this game? (7).
12 Miser is broke, without a coin, gold having been stolen (9).
14 Standard review aroused no anger (9).
16 Reluctance to be without a personal account (7).
17 Ruler managed to come first in classification (7).
18 Enterprise opening on a Yorkshire river (7).
19 Entertainment thus provided in king's place in painting (7).
20 One-time container, lightweight but obsolete (7).

Concise crossword, page 16

WORD WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

VARAN
a. A floating seaweed
b. A vowel-change mark in Finnish
c. A monitor lizard

MASSÉ
a. A regimental square
b. Gigantic stonework
c. A vertical billiards shot

NAGA
a. A Hindu princess
b. A snake
c. The Phoenician digraph NG

BAUSOND
a. A bass hunting horn
b. Strait between two islands
c. With white spot on forehead

Answers on page 16

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National

National motorways	737
West Country	738
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Midlands	740
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North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

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WEATHER

Central and northern Scotland will be fairly sunny. Northern Ireland and northern England will be cloudy with some heavy rain. Over Wales, the Midlands and East Anglia, thundery rain will give way to brighter weather, but more rain and thunderstorms are likely this afternoon in East Anglia and south-east England, and perhaps south-west England. Outlook: unsettled with showers, but Scotland mostly dry.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: b=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	26	79	s	Madrid	25	77	s
Alicante	27	81	s	Majorca	30	86	s
Alex'dria	29	84	f	Malaga	31	88	s
Algiers	32	90	s	Malta	27	81	s
Amst'dm	27	81	s	Melb'rne	13	55	c
Athens	29	84	s	Miami*	32	90	s
Bahrain	39	97	s	Milan	30	86	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Montreal*	25	77	f
Barbados*	27	81	r	Moscow	19	66	s
Barcelna	27	81	s	Munich	23	73	s
Beirut	28	84	s	Nairobi	22	72	c
Belgrade	19	66	r	Naples	22	72	c
Berlin	27	81	s	N Delhi	34	93	f
Bermuda*	31	88	s	N York*	27	81	s
Biarritz	23	73	s	Nice	25	77	s
Blonde'v	25	77	c	Oslo	23	73	s
Brussels	26	79	s	Paris	28	82	s
Budapst	24	75	f	Peking	29	84	f
B Aires*	24	75	f	Perth	18	64	f
Cairo	34	93	s	Prague	24	75	f
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Reykjavik	12	54	c
Ch'church	9	48	s	Rhodes	27	81	s
Cologne	28	79	s	Rio de J	25	77	s
C'phagn	24	75	s	Riyadh	40	104	s
Corfu	21	70	c	Rome	28	82	s
Dublin	20	68	s	Salzburg	23	73	s
Dubrownik	22	72	c	S F'risco*	18	64	s
Faro	23	73	s	Santiago*	11	52	c
Florence	31	88	f	S Paulo*	24	75	s
Frankfurt	27	81	f	Seoul	27	81	r
Funchal	23	73	c	Sing'por	32	90	s
Geneva	24	75	s	St'kholm	24	75	s
Gibraltar	26	79	s	Strasb'rg	27	81	s
Helsinki	25	77	s	Sydney	18	61	s
Hong K	29	84	c	Tangier	25	77	f
Innsbruck	21	70	s	Tel Aviv	28	82	s
Istanbul	27	81	f	Tenerife	25	77	s
Jeddah	39	102	s	Tokyo	34	93	f
Jo'burg*	13	55	s	Toronto*	23	73	f
Karachi	33	91	s	Tunis	31	88	s
L Palmas	24	75	s	Valencia	34	93	s
Le Touquet	28	82	f	Vanc'ver*	21	70	s
Lisbon	22	72	f	Venice	27	81	s
Locarno	28	82	s	Vienna	25	77	s
London	27	81	s	Warsaw	24	75	f
L Angels*	19	66	c	Wash'ton*	29	84	s
Luxembg	26	79	s	Wel'ton	12	54	f
Luxor	40	104	s	Zurich	23	73	s

* denotes figures are latest available

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 4.00pm, 6.15pm and 10.00pm

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.27	2.12
Austria Sch	21.70	20.20
Belgium Fr	63.40	59.40
Canada $	2.04	1.89
Denmark Kr	11.80	11.15
Finland Mrkk	7.46	7.01
France Fr	10.40	9.75
Germany Dm	3.01	2.87
Greece Dr	333.00	313.00
Hong Kong $	13.85	12.85
Ireland Pr	1.149	1.078
Italy Lira	2300.00	2150.00
Japan Yen	246.00	230.00
Netherlands Gld	3.45	3.23
Norway Kr	12.06	11.26
Portugal Esc	262.00	244.00
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.80
Spain Pta	191.00	178.00
Sweden Kr	11.18	10.43
Switzerland Fr	2.67	2.50
Turkey Lira	7800.00	7000.00
USA $	1.775	1.65
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	11.0	-	24	75	sunny
Anglesey	3.0	-	23	73	cloudy
Ardmore	4.5	.11	22	72	shower
Belfast	5.8	-	23	73	bright
Birmingham	7.1	-	24	75	sunny
Blackpool	7.4	-	25	77	sunny
Bournemouth	10.1	-	23	73	sunny
Bristol	7.2	-	24	75	sunny
Buxton	10.1	-	23	73	sunny
Cardiff	8.3	-	23	73	bright
Colwyn Bay	5.4	-	20	68	sunny
Cromer	10.9	-	25	77	sunny
Eastbourne	11.4	-	22	72	sunny
Edinburgh	6.2	-	24	75	bright
Exmouth	4.6	-	19	66	sunny
Falmouth	1.4	.02	17	63	fog
Folkestone	10.9	-	24	75	sunny
Glasgow	6.8	-	23	73	bright
Guernsey	13.2	-	22	72	sunny
Hastings	12.2	-	23	73	sunny
Jersey	13.3	-	27	81	sunny
Leeds	9.2	-	27	81	sunny
Lerwick	7.3	.08	18	64	rain
Littlehampton	11.1	-	24	75	sunny
London	11.1	-	25	77	sunny
Lowestoft	8.5	-	23	73	sunny
Manchester	9.3	-	25	77	sunny
Morecambe	5.9	-	25	77	sunny
Newquay	10.7	-	22	72	sunny
Plymouth	8.9	-	23	73	sunny
Poole	9.7	-	23	73	sunny
Salcombe	2.3	-	19	66	sunny
Sandown	10.6	-	21	70	sunny
Scarborough	10.0	-	22	72	sunny
Scilly Isles	-	-	17	63	fog
Southend	9.5	-	20	68	sunny
Southsea	11.2	-	22	72	sunny
Swanage	7.8	-	19	66	bright
Teignmouth	1.2	-	18	64	bright
Tenby	8.5	.02	19	66	bright
Torquay	1.8	-	20	68	bright
Wick	8.7	-	21	70	sunny
Worthing	10.9	-	23	73	sunny

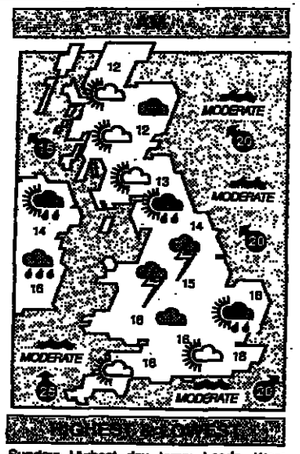
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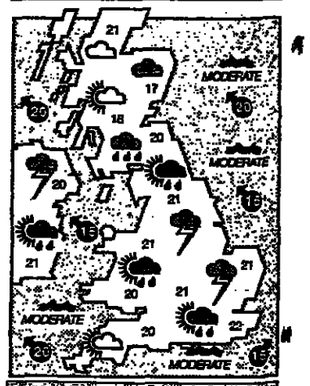
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Sunday: Highest day temp: Leeds, West Yorkshire, and Northolt, Greater London, 27C (81F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 15C (59F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 0.35 in; highest sunshine: Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear, and Jersey, Channel Islands, 13.3 hr.

EUROPE

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	21	70	s	Guernsey	24	75	s
B'rmgham	27	81	s	Inverness	19	66	f
Blackpool	27	81	s	Jersey	26	79	c
Bristol	27	81	s	London	27	81	s
Cardiff	27	81	f	M'nchester	28	79	s
Edinburgh	18	64	f	Newcastle	21	70	s
Glasgow	22	72	s	R'nkleway	24	75	s

SUN

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
5.20 am	8.53 pm
Moon sets	Moon rises
9.80 am	9.49 pm

Last quarter August 3

HIGH TIMES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.55	6.9	5.02	6.9
Aberdeen	3.58	4.2	4.38	3.9
Avonmouth	10.12	12.5	10.29	12.6
Belfast	1.39	3.4	2.02	3.2
Cardiff	9.57	11.6	10.14	11.7
Devonport	8.58	5.1	9.06	5.2
Dover	1.48	6.2	2.04	6.4
Falmouth	8.26	4.9	8.38	5.0
Glasgow	3.45	4.7	4.03	4.5
Harwich	2.47	3.8	2.54	3.9
Holyhead	1.01	5.5	1.34	5.1
Hull	9.11	7.3	9.40	7.0
Ilfracombe	8.55	8.8	9.13	8.8
King's Lynn	9.18	6.5	9.52	6.0
Leith	5.21	5.3	5.54	5.1

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	1.58	9.1	2.16	8.8
Lowestoft	12.35	2.2	12.16	2.5
Margate	3.01	4.5	3.02	4.8
Milford Haven	9.09	6.5	9.27	6.7
Newquay	8.00	6.5	8.18	6.7
Oban	8.55	3.8	8.55	3.9
Penzance	7.59	5.2	8.09	5.3
Portland	10.00	1.8	10.08	2.0
Portsmouth	2.04	4.4	2.33	4.5
Shoreham	1.51	5.8	2.19	5.9
Southampton	1.30	4.3	2.00	4.4
Swansea	9.16	8.7	9.33	8.9
Tees	6.30	5.2	7.00	4.8
W'ton-on-Nze	2.40	4.1	2.45	4.1

Tide in metres: 1m=3.280ft.

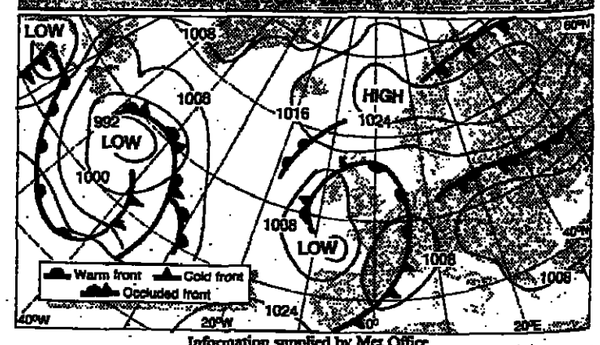
YESTERDAY

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 24C (75F); min 6pm to 6am, 17C (63F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 8.7 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.53 pm to 5.22 am
Bristol 9.02 pm to 5.32 am
Edinburgh 9.25 pm to 5.14 am
Manchester 9.10 pm to 5.22 am
Penzance 9.09 pm to 5.49 am

WEATHER TODAY



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Fletcher in claim against Budgens

JOHN Fletcher, ousted after institutional pressure as chairman and chief executive of Budgens, the grocery chain, has lodged a claim against the company but has not yet issued proceedings. He resigned on April 30.

A placing document issued yesterday as part of a £21.7 million cash call by the company states that the directors of Budgens believe that the claim is unfounded.

Budgens is raising £21.7 million through a placing and open offer, to redress a strained balance sheet and reduce debt after pre-tax losses of £14.7 million for the year ended April 27.

There is no final dividend. The interim dividend was passed six months ago. In 1990, Budgens shareholders received dividends totalling 5p a share.

John von Spreckelsen, new chief executive as of April 30, said management had started to implement corrective measures. Systems that controlled stock losses and wastage had "proved to be deficient", and stock losses "have been unacceptably high".

Budgens plans to introduce Epos systems during the next three years, and following management and operational shake-ups hopes to achieve some improvement at the trading level in the current financial year.

There is an open offer for ordinary shareholders to participate in the fundraising on the basis of six-for-seven at 30p a share. Budgens' shares yesterday rose 2p to 37p.

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Bullough falls

Pre-tax profits at Bullough, the industrial holding company, fell from £11.6 million to £7.18 million in the six months to the end of April, and earnings from 6.43p a share to 4p. The interim dividend is held at 1.75p a share and directors have promised to maintain the final at 4.3p. Tempus, page 21

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6750 (–0.0145)
German mark
2.9363 (+0.0008)
Exchange index
90.7 (–0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
2011.3 (+7.8)
FT-SE 100
2595.0 (+5.7)
New York Dow Jones
2967.13 (–5.37)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
23443.58 (–75.49)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

SG Warburg	493p (+15p)
Morland	305p (+15p)
P&P	55p (+11p)
MAM	785p (+20p)
WH Smith 'A'	451½p (+14p)
ADT	520p (+12p)
Airsprung Group	187p (+12p)
Bullough	110p (+12p)
General Accident	538½p (+11p)
Lloyds Abbey	423p (+12p)
Seton Healthcare	215p (+13p)
Rank Org	676½p (+13p)
Land Securities	512½p (+10p)
MEPC	483½p (+10p)
Davies & Newman	125p (+20p)

FALLS:

Barratt Devs	33½p (–35p)
Bass	903½p (–16p)
Reuters	756½p (–26p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 11⅛-11⅛%
3-month eligible bills: 10¹⁵/₃₂-10⅛%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5¹¹/₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.57-5.56%*
30-year bonds 97¹/₃₂-97³/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5750	£: $1.6745*
£: DM2.9363	$: DM1.7530*
£: SwFr2.5653	$: SwFr1.5325*
£: FFr9.9814	$: FFr5.9640*
£: Yen231.40	$: Yen138.14*
£: Index90.7	$: Index86.8
ECU £0.698845	SDR £0.791417
£: ECU1.430932	£: SDR1.263556

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $368.00 pm-$365.10
close $364.20-364.70 (£217.00-217.50)
New York:
Comex $364.35-364.85*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Aug) ..... $19.60 bbl ($19.70)
* Denotes latest trading price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.1 June (1987=100)

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Shares end below best after reaching record level



Lamont: optimistic

By PHILIP PANGALOS

THE London stock market reached record levels to continue the strong run of the last two weeks, although shares closed well below their best after an uncertain start on Wall Street.

Optimism about the British economy from Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, and expectations that today's industrial trends survey from the Confederation of British Industry will support his view prompted fresh buying.

A Treasury bulletin predicted at the weekend that economic growth would resume over the next five months.

The first day of the two-week account saw the FT-SE 100 index extend last Friday's record close and push through the 2,600 level. However, the index finished the day well below its best, ending 5.7 points higher at 2,595.0, having reached a trading high of 2,612.4 at one stage.

The gain would have been ten points more but for the effect of several shares going ex-dividend. The FT index of 30 shares rose 7.8 to 2,011.3. Volume, bolstered by two modest programme trades, reached a relatively healthy 529.4 million shares, while government securities sported gains of up to £⅛ at the longer end.

Bob Butler, a director at Kleinwort Benson, said that institutions were "not playing ball", adding that once the rally ran out of steam, market-makers were "trading cautiously".

The overall long-term feeling in the market is still bullish, with many still looking for the FT-SE 100 index to end the year at between the 2,850 and 3,000 level. Mr Butler said: "Long term, people are begining to upgrade. Everybody feels a bit more bullish."

The market has eagerly awaited today's industrial trends survey, which is expected to show that business confidence is up. It should show that the recession is bottoming out, although it is not expected to show an upturn.

Most advances in the market have related to leading stocks on the index. There has been little follow-through for second-line stocks despite good selective opportunites for some smaller companies.

A lower start on Wall Street did not help London, while Tokyo had registered a 75-point fall overnight. Japanese shares had not had a chance to react to the list, issued by the Japanese securities watchdog, of top firms that received improper compensation payments from brokers. The Japanese Securities Dealers Association's list includes some of Japan's largest financial firms, corporations and pension funds.

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Hanson invests another £4m in horses

By ANGELA MACKAY

HANSON invested a further £4.04 million last year in bloodstock partnerships involving Lord White, Hanson's chief in America, taking the British conglomerate's total investment in the business since 1988 to £11.7 million.

The investments have been made through Cheval 1, 2 and 3, three Hanson-owned subsidiaries that between them have lost £8.8 million on the venture. They owned 80 per cent of a British partnership that has Lord White, Robert Sangster, a racehorse enthusiast, and Simon Fraser, Lord Lovat's son, as the owners of the remaining 20 per cent.

According to the 1990 accounts filed this month at Companies House, the Cheval subsidiaries sold their interests in the partnership to another unidentified Hanson group company on the last day of their financial year, June 30 last year.

Cheval (No 1) sold its stake for £1.35 million. After deducting £69,000 invested last year and £756,715 of interest payable on loan stock, the company made a paper profit of £529,270, compared with a loss of almost £500, 000 previously. The company still has a deficiency of shareholders' funds of £3.1 million.

Cheval (No 2) invested £207,000 in the partnership last year and used the £1.86 million from the sale of its share to repay part of its 19.5 per cent unsecured loan stock. No 2 made a profit of £1.66 million, but has a deficit of £2.36 million in its profit and loss account.

The third Cheval company filed its first return last year and showed a loss of £1.17 million. It received £2.59 million for its share of the partnership and used the cash to repay part of its loan stock, which attracts a very high interest rate of 26.5 per cent. Last year, the company invested £3.76 million in bloodstock business.

A spokesman for the Jockey Club said Lord White, who races the partnership's horses under his colours, had leased horses such as Legal Case and Polish King from the partnership and had registered those leases with the Jockey Club. He said it was not necessary to register the names of the lessors.

Troubled builder's final dividend to be axed as shares slump by half

Barratt back after £100m loss predicted

By MATTHEW BOND

SIR Lawrie Barratt is back as chairman of Barratt Developments, after the Newcastle housebuilder issued a warning that it would have to make property provisions of about £80 million in the year to June.

John Swanson, who succeeded Sir Lawrie in 1988, has resigned. Mr Swanson's unexpected departure came after a post year-end review of operations established that the company would make a loss approaching £100 million. The losses and the announcement that the final dividend would be passed prompted Barratt's shares to halve in value, falling 35p to 34p.

Last night, a hastily reconstructed Barratt board was meeting to discuss the extent and implication of the losses. An announcement to the London Stock Exchange blamed the group's losses on "major losses ... incurred by our subsidiaries in southern England and in the USA". These losses had been incurred in the first six months of this year, which is the second half of Barratt's financial year.

In the City, the size of the forthcoming provisions was greeted with shock, as the company had written down the value of its land bank by £16 million at the interim stage, and by £10 million last year. "The size of the new provisions makes one think that they might have been carrying some unrealistic values in their books," Kevin Cammack, an analyst with Smith New Court said.

Barratt said: "A current thorough review instigated since June 30, has led the board to conclude that it will be necessary to make substantial provisions throughout the group to ensure that all land and work in progress and other group assets accord with net realisable value." The size of the provisions will not be known until the company's audit is completed in September.

Mr Swanson's position would have been untenable, given his confident interim statement that accompanied losses of £14.5 million and an uncovered interim dividend of 3.21p in March. He maintained that the final dividend would be maintained and that no further provisions would be required.

Frank Eaton, a main board member for more than three years, becomes chief executive, while Michael Norton, a board member for eight, becomes his deputy. Andrew Tait, a non-executive director and a former chairman of the National House Building Council, becomes deputy chairman.

Sir Lawrie, aged 63, said he was confident that the group's fortunes could be restored. His first priorities would be to bring gearing below 50 per cent (compared to an interim level of 70 per cent) and to retore profitability. "I am very confident about the medium- and long-term prospects of the group and indeed I should not have returned had I not had this belief," he said.

Barratt has pursued an aggressive strategy throughout the slump in the British housing market. It sold 2,581 houses in the first six month of the financial year, but in February had 549 unsold second hand homes on its books. Barratt also resumed land buying, spending £22 million on land and finishing last year with a land bank of more than 17,000 units.

Mr Swanson has been at Barratt since 1972. He made his reputation in turning the company's American activities around.



Back at the helm: Sir Lawrie Barratt takes over as chairman

BAA poised to axe 1,000 jobs before end of the year

By JONATHAN PRYNN

BAA is planning to cut about 1,000 jobs before the end of the year, following a review of staff levels.

Speaking at his final shareholders' meeting after 25 years with the company, Sir Norman Payne, the chairman, said he hoped the reductions could be achieved through early retirement and voluntary redundancies, but he added: "I cannot rule out a compulsory redundancy programme should it prove necessary."

The slow recovery from the recession "requires us to exercise a very firm control over staff costs and in order to achieve this we are very carefully reviewing our working arrangements," he said.

BAA, formerly the British Airports Authority, has faced problems in reducing its workforce in recent years because of the additional safety and security staff required under stringent government standards. About 40 per cent of its 10,700-strong workforce is employed in these areas.

Sir Norman also said that he hoped a realistic solution could be found to the dispute with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) over the future rate of airport charge increases.

Last month, the CAA announced a proposed cap of eight percentage points below the rate of inflation for charge hikes between 1992 and 1997. Sir Norman said yesterday that BAA would submit its own proposals during a three-month consultation period before the CAA's final decision in October.

Criticising the severity of the proposed limit, Sir Norman said that the CAA had a statutory duty to encourage BAA to increase capacity. The CAA's proposals "raises doubts about whether they really understand the long-term nature of our investments ... and the need for an adequate return," he said.



Sir Norman: costs review

Scottish steel buy-in proposed

By ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Steel is examining proposals from a London consultancy for a management buy-in of the group's Scottish steelmaking operations.

The 14-page study by the Centre for Consultancy says that Scottish steelmaking is viable and that a new company could act as a "benign competitor" to British Steel by serving new customers, many of them overseas.

William Thomson, who headed the team which prepared the study, said the proposal could save more than 3,000 jobs in the Scottish industry and 8,000 jobs which are believed to depend upon it. It would save £2 billion on benefits and job creation. British Steel said it would reply.

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Hazlewood aims to spread wings

By ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

FOR generations of Britons, Sutherlands beef and salmon spreads have been as important in childhood memories as grazed knees and seaside holidays.

It would be unwise, however, to become too dewy-eyed over yesterday's recommended £35 million bid by Hazlewood Foods for the family-owned Sutherland Holdings.

Sutherland has not manufactured the celebrated pots of paste since 1964, when Peter Sutherland, son of the Sheffield company's founder, sold the Sutherlands brand to Quaker Oats. He soon relaunched as Sutherland, however, selling "fresh" short shelf-life spreads, under the Sutherland name, without the "s".

The Sutherland product range was later broadened to include pork and bacon products and the family brought their Holdings company to the Unlisted Securities Market in 1984. It was the arrival of Chris Ball and David Truran, who reversed Baron Meats and Derbyshire Chilled Foods into Sutherland in 1987, which set the stage for Hazlewood's bid.

During the past four years, Messrs Ball and Truran have developed Sutherland considerably. In addition to the manufacture of meat products, Sutherland is a supplier of prepared sandwiches and meals to retail chains. Airline catering and distribution of products to delicatessens provides a third leg to the company. In the year to April 27, Sutherland made pre-tax profits of £3 million on sales of £98 million.

After an acquisition spree throughout the Eighties, under the guidance of Peter Barr and John Lowe, Hazlewood Foods products include groceries. Extensive operations in The Netherlands helped Hazlewood generate about half of last year's sales of £541 million, and pre-tax profits of £51 million, in Europe.

A fall from stock market favour in the late Eighties, however, is only now being overcome. Peter Barr, Hazlewood's chief executive and deputy chairman, sees the Sutherland deal as a chance to reshape his management as much as to acquire a compatible business with growth potential and scope for cost savings.

None the less, Hazlewood shares fell 3p to 190p, where the all-paper terms of 100 Hazlewood shares for every 286 Sutherland value the offer at 66.5p a share. Sutherland shares added 6p to 63p. Holders will receive a second interim dividend of 0.9p. Holders of 37.4 per cent of Sutherland stock, including directors, have promised to accept the offer. Full acceptance would lead to an 8.1 per cent enlargement of Hazlewood equity.

Swissair soars 23% to £34m

SWISSAIR, the Swiss national airline, defied the worldwide trend towards lower profits in the airline industry with the announcement of a 23 per cent rise in gross profits from SFr70 million to SFr86 million (£34 million) in the first half of this year.

Although the company said that demand was depressed because of the Gulf War and the worldwide economic slowdown, the load factors held up well during this period, when most other airlines recorded more significant downturns. The overall load factor dropped from 64.6 per cent to 64.2 per cent. In the passenger sector, the load factor fell from 63.2 per cent to 61.6 per cent.

The company predicts improved annual results, barring an unexpected downturn.

Lending lower than forecast

Lending by banks and building societies rose by only £300 million in June on the definition used for calculating M4, the wider measure of money supply.

This is £100 million less than the provisional figure estimated earlier by the Bank of England and less than a tenth of the average monthly rise for the past six months.

Sainsbury issue

J Sainsbury, the supermarket group, announced that 97.52 per cent of its £489 million rights issue has been taken up by shareholders. The one-for-ten issue, at 312p per share, was announced on June 18. The new ordinary shares not taken up have been sold at a net premium of 51.5p over the issue price of 312p.

Akzo buys

Akzo, the Dutch chemical group, is buying a polyester tyre yarn plant in Scottsboro, Alabama, from the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company for $105 million (£62.24 million). A final agreement is expected in the fourth quarter of this year.

J&J pays same

J&J Dyson, the trailer and refractories maker, has held its final dividend at 3p, making a same-again total of 5p, despite a fall in pre-tax profits to £1.43 million (£2.50 million) in the year to end-March. Turnover fell to £49.2 million (£50.8 million).

Societies say 5% are half a year behind with mortgage

By SARA MCCONNELL

STATISTICS from the Building Societies Commission show that for the first time in more than five years, one homebuyer in 20 is six months or more in arrears with mortgage payments. The statistics for the first quarter of this year include properties repossessed by societies.

Rosalind Gilmore, the building societies commissioner, said that in the second half of last year, homes repossessed or seriously in arrears accounted for 4.38 per cent of mortgage balances, up from 1.92 per cent in the second half of 1989.

Norman Digance, secretary to the commission, said: "This is a figure that concerns us and building societies. We would hope that arrears have peaked but they are likely to continue into next year."

Losses on mortgage accounts in turn pushed the average ratio of societies' costs to income above 50 per cent, to 51.4 per cent last year. Management expenses exceeded net interest income and other income net of expenditure for the first time in the past five years. Profit per employee also fell last year, partly because of the extra expense involved in managing accounts in arrears.

Societies' share of the mortgage market rose to 75 per cent, from a low of 50 per cent in 1987, when competition from centralised lenders was strong. The number of societies last year fell below 100 to 98 for the first time since the start of the building society movement last century. Fourteen small societies have merged or plan to merge with larger ones. The most recent merger, between the Bradford & Bingley and the Leamington Spa, went through on July 1. The Leamington was one of several small societies under pressure from the commission to merge after high levels of repossessions and bad debts. A merger between the Britannia and the smaller Mornington is set to go ahead in October, if members agree.

Societies' capital requirements increased "substantially" during last year, up to 4.72 per cent of share deposit and loan liabilities (SDL) from 4.13 per cent in 1989. This follows a prudential note issued by the commission in March, which tightened up on capital adequacy requirements for societies wanting to offer riskier types of mortgages including deferred interest loans.

Mr Digance said: "Where societies are undertaking more risky lending, they must be able to afford it. We were finding with some of the mortgage products on offer, like deferred interest mortgages, that borrowers were more likely to default."



Repossessions rise: Rosalind Gilmore, of the BSC

Mountleigh wins cash call support

By OUR CITY STAFF

MOUNTLEIGH, the property group, yesterday won approval for its £96 million rights issue. Nelson Peltz, its American chairman, told shareholders that the money would be used to upgrade Galerias Preciados, the Spanish department store chain.

Under Mountleigh's ownership, Galerias had been turned from a loser to a winner, he said.

Two months ago Mr Peltz, together with partner Peter May, sold half their 22 per cent stake at 100p a share to a family trust of Gordon Getty, son of Paul Getty, the American billionaire. Mr Peltz said the Getty trust should be considered to be acting alongside himself and Mr May. The three planned to take their stake in the company up to 29 per cent, he said.

The two-for-one rights issue was announced after the company reported pre-tax losses of £96.1 million for the year to end-April. Shareholders yesterday criticised the 25p price for the rights issue shares. Existing shares fell from 54p, before the issue was announced, to 24p yesterday.

Robinson warns of loss as directors go

By OUR CITY STAFF

THOMAS Robinson, the engineer, is parting company with three of its directors, including Graham Rudd, the executive chairman, and bringing in Roy Barber, the company doctor.

The company is warning investors that there will be no dividend after a "material" loss for the six months to end-June, and that there is unlikely to be a profit over the full year.

Mr Barber, chairman of Astra Holdings, the defence company linked to the Iraq super gun affair, will receive a bonus based on the company's share price. The bonus will not operate until Robinson shares exceed 25p; yesterday they slipped 1p to 20p.

Robinson bid £220 million for John Crowther, the textile business, in 1988, losing to Coloroll.

The other two directors to go are Michael Hall and Tony Lomas. Yesterday's statement from the company said that Mr Rudd and Mr Lomas would keep their Thomas Robinson shares. Mr Barber is also a director of Raine Industries, of which Mr Rudd's brother, Nigel, is chairman.

BLUE ARROW TRIAL

SE director had 'never' heard of late take-up

By OUR CITY STAFF

THE Stock Exchange's former director of surveillance told the Blue Arrow trial that he had never heard of City advisers buying into a cash call after the deadline.

Robert Wilkinson said the closing time for a rights issue "means exactly that". He told an Old Bailey jury he had "never" heard of a market practice of a late take-up being allowed, accept when applications arrived in the first post the day after the issue closed, and there was some proof it was mailed before the deadline.

Nicholas Purnell, QC, prosecuting, asked: "Have you ever encountered a take-up of shares by the advisers to the issuing company after the published close of the issue?"

Mr Wilkinson replied: "No. The closing time of the issue means exactly that – either the stock has been taken up or it has not."

It is alleged that Blue Arrow advisers secretly bought into the employment agency's record £837 million cash call in 1987 to boost take-up of rights from 38 to 48 per cent, bailing out the issue when they realised it had failed.

Mr Wilkinson was asked to comment on announcements made by County NatWest, the merchant bank, and UBS Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, advisers to Blue Arrow, after the issue closed.

County issued a press release stating acceptances represented 48.9 per cent of the issue, while Phillips & Drew took out newspaper advertisements claiming it had "successfully placed" shares not taken up in the issue.

Mr Wilkinson said the word "placed" was "quite deliberate". He agreed the information was "obviously" market-sensitive. "If the stock is not placed with a third party, it is either taken up by sub-underwriters or someone else. It is an indication to the world at large that the stock is placed outside the issuing houses."

County, NatWest Investment Bank, UBS Phillips & Drew Securities, and seven individuals deny conspiring to dishonestly mislead the market over the outcome of the Blue Arrow issue.

The trial continues today.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Hawthorn electrical division sold for £23m

HAWTHORN Leslie Group, the industrial holding company quoted on the USM, has sold its electrical wholesaling division to Ora, the Dutch electrical distribution group, for £23 million. It has also the negotiated the disposal of most of the businesses of the consumer products division to Porter Chadburn for £500,000. Hawthorn Leslie gave warning of a substantial book loss on the consumer products deal.

The transactions followed a June warning that the company had fallen into deep losses and that the future support of its bankers depended on a restructuring to reduce debts. The company said yesterday that it was unlikely to resume dividend payments in the foreseeable future. The sales leave Hawthorn Leslie as the rump of the consumer products division and the mobile telephone service businesses. The shares closed unchanged at 4p.

Shield Group loss at £3.7m

THE slump in the property market continues to hit Shield Group, the north London property company. In the year to March, the company made a pre-tax loss of £3.7 million and once again passed its final dividend. A £640,000 profit for the year to March 1990 has been restated as a £4.5 million loss, after the company retrospectively wrote down the value of its properties.

BAe warns of Rover loss

ROVER Group is unlikely to make a profit during the first half, British Aerospace, parent company of the car assembler, said. The warning knocked BAe shares back 17p to 568p. BAe said that in spite of increased exports and gains in its market share in Britain, first-half trading for Rover had been difficult. City analysts believe Rover will generate operating profits of £10 million to £30 million during the year.

Doctus in receivership

DOCTUS, the management consultancy group embracing 40 companies and with operations in Europe, North America and South Africa, said yesterday that Royal Bank of Scotland had appointed Cork Gully as receiver to Doctus and certain subsidiaries.

The shares were suspended last week after a last trade at 15p. Group debt was an estimated £27 million last September and is understood to have increased considerably since then. Doctus has a staff of 900 plus 1,000 self-employed.

Crédit Suisse soars 70%

PRE-TAX profits at Crédit Suisse, the Swiss bank, rose more than 70 per cent to SFr1.33 billion (£520 million) in the first half of this year. The rise was helped by the contribution of its new London subsidiary, Credit Suisse Financial Products. The bank had to increase its level of provisions, which are not included in the result, but profits had risen sharply even after taking this into account, the bank said.

Payout rises at Menvier

MENVIER-SWAIN Group, the emergency lighting business, saw earnings drop from 26.9p to 23.6p because of losses on the sale or closure of discontinued activities in the year to end-April. Higher interest charges helped set pre-tax profits back to £5.02 million from £5.47 million. But the board, expecting improved results in the current year, has announced a final dividend of 5.1p, making 7.3p (6.8p).

Merrydown improves

LAST year's hot summer has helped Merrydown Wine, the cider maker, ride out the recession and increase pre-tax profits by 5 per cent to £2.24 million for the year to end-March.

Roy Hooper, the chairman, said cider volumes were up substantially in the period, the second consecutive year of growth after five years of decline. Turnover rose 12 per cent to £16.8 million. A final 6p dividend will make 7p for the year, compared with 6.22p the previous year.

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1990 HIGHLIGHTS

(000 US$) *	1990	1989
Premiums written	5,532,873	4,871,611
Premiums ceded	– 686,489	– 656,631
Net premiums	4,846,384	4,214,980
Net investment income	1,251,783	963,928
Technical interest allocated to Life funds	– 643,404	– 518,471
Insurance underwriting result	– 273,307	– 157,345
Sundry income and expenditure	– 9,117	4,991
Operating profit	**325,955**	**293,103**
Profit on sale of properties and securities	165,098	201,656
Unrealized capital losses on securities	– 155,482	– 70,013
Taxes	– 24,835	– 79,504
Total other items	– 15,219	52,139
Profit for the year	**310,736**	**345,242**

* All of the above listed figures have been converted at the rate of exchange of Lire 1,130.15 to the US$.

- Gross premiums written by the Company totalled US$ 5,532.9m (+14.6% over the previous year, at equal rates of exchange); the Life department contributed US$ 2,183.9m and the Non-Life business US$ 3,349.1m.
- Total investments reached US$ 14,474.1m showing a growth of 14.5%.
- Net investment income totalled US$ 1,251.8m showing a growth of 16.4%. The average yield was 8.2%. Realized capital gains generated from the sale of securities amounted to US$ 143.4m and from the sale of properties to US$ 21.7m.
- The profit for the year amounted to US$ 310.7m (–10.0% compared to the previous year); from this profit an amount of US$ 218.5m has been allocated to the reserves, of which US$ 201.2m increased the "Extraordinary Reserve".
- The dividend for the year consists of a cash amount of lire 160 per share plus an allotment of non-convertible Alleanza Assicurazioni saving shares, dividend-bearing as from Jan. 1st, 1991, in the proportion of 1 share for every 250 Generali shares held.
- The shareholders' surplus including the year's profit reached US$ 3,136.5m showing an increase of US$ 166.4m over the previous year.
- The Meeting confirmed General Manager Gianfranco Gutty as Member of the Board of Directors, to which he had been co-opted at the Board's Meeting of May 14.
- The Extraordinary General Meeting approved a capital increase from Lire 1,168 billion to Lire 1,457.5 billion by issuing of 145,750,000 shares at a price of Lire 12,000 each, Lire 10,000 being the share premium, which are destined to cover 145,750,000 warrants subscribed by a syndicate to be offered to the shareholders pursuant to Art. 2441 paragraph 7 of the Civil Code.
- Enrico Randone was elected Honorary Chairman by acclamation; Eugenio Coppola di Canzano was appointed Chairman; Antoine Bernheim, Francesco Cingano and Carlo della Torre e Tasso were confirmed Vice-Chairmen, and Eugenio Coppola di Canzano and Fabio Fegiz were confirmed Managing Directors.

1990 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT

ASSETS (000 US$) *	1990	1989
Building and farm property	5,033,824	4,584,308
Fixed-interest securities	18,043,915	15,466,654
Shares (including Associates)	5,284,184	4,877,047
Mortgage and policy loans	2,181,861	1,551,491
Deposits with Ceding Companies	518,845	571,779
Bank deposits	1,933,679	1,262,394
Accounts receivable and other assets	4,185,117	3,602,005
Total	**37,181,425**	**31,915,678**
LIABILITIES (000 US$) *		
Provisions for insurance liabilities	28,864,284	24,514,301
Reinsurance deposits	309,956	272,159
Other liabilities	2,503,493	2,319,195
Minority shareholders' interest	885,935	460,733
Shareholders' surplus	4,203,849	3,841,701
Profit for the year	413,908	507,589
Total	**37,181,425**	**31,915,678**

- This statement consolidates 66 insurance companies operating in some forty markets, (including 7 Europ Assistance companies), 20 financial, 26 property and 3 agricultural companies where Generali directly or indirectly holds more than 50% of the shares.
- Gross premiums amount to US$ 12,096.5m (+14.2%), of which US$ 4,398.8m is for Life and US$ 7,697.7m for Non-Life. The geographical breakdown is as follows: Italy 38.4%; other EEC Countries 39.1%; rest of Europe 16.6%; rest of the world 5.9%.
- Investments total US$ 32,996.8m (+16.5%).
- Investment income amounts to US$ 2,647.9m (+20.2%) of which 64.1% is produced by fixed-interest securities, 14.1% by property, 8.0% by shares, 6.1% by bank deposits and 7.7% by other investments.
- The provisions for insurance liabilities amount to US$ 28,864.3m (+17.7%).
- The shareholders' surplus amounts to US$ 5,020.3m of which 83.7% belongs to the Parent Company, the minority interest being 16.3%.
- The profit for the year amounted to US$ 413.9m (–18.5% compared to the previous year) and originated from:

(000 US$) *	1990	1989
Parent Company's profit	310,736	345,242
Profit of the other Companies	1,003,414	905,782
Consolidation adjustments	– 920,742	– 77,238
Consolidated profit	483,408	673,786
Minority interest	– 69,500	– 66,197
Profit for the year	413,908	507,589

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Monarch's sights on North America

By COLIN CAMPBELL, MINING CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Beckett, a former managing director of the now-disbanded Consolidated Gold Fields group, and recently made chairman of Monarch Resources, the gold exploration company concentrating on Venezuela, was in confident mood at Monarch's annual meeting yesterday.

Monarch was considering expanding outside Venezuela, possibly into North America, and the company should benefit from the reduction from 60 per cent to 30 per cent in Venezuela's maximum mining tax rate, he said.

Lower tax should encourage foreign companies to consider Venezuela, and recent drilling on various Monarch concessions had been encouraging.

A decision on whether to develop a gold mine on the La Camorra and Canaima concessions with its joint venture partner, Cyprus Gold, is expected by September 20.

Monarch, floated in 1987 at 295p share and at one time traded at 785p, has undergone boardroom changes involving the resignation of nine directors and the appointment of new executives.

Monarch, one of *The Times'* five mining shares of 1991 picked at 143p in January, traded at 165p yesterday, up 10p.

Purchase costs push Greggs result lower

By MATTHEW BOND

SALES at Greggs, the Newcastle bakery group, rose 11 per cent to £43.4 million in the 24 weeks to June 15, but the costs of integrating the company's latest acquisitions resulted in lower profits. Interim pre-tax profits fell 11.7 per cent to £2.2 million.

The shares slid 18p to 435p. The interim dividend is increased to 4.75p (4.5p).

Ian Gregg, the chairman, said profits had been affected by the cost of absorbing the 12 shops and one bakery in north London that were bought from the receiver of Hibberds, one of Greggs' competitors.

The Hibberds acquisition formed part of Greggs' continuing expansion strategy. Since the beginning of the year, the company has opened 27 new shops and closed four. In the second half, Greggs plans to open a further 12 shops and shut five, as well as expanding its north London baking operation.

Ashtead meets forecast

By JONATHAN PRYNN

ASHTEAD, the plant hire company, has hit the profit forecast it gave when it launched a £5.8 million one-for-four rights issue in April.

Pre-tax profits of £4 million, down 49 per cent, for the year to end-April, were exactly in line with the forecast. Operating margins were slashed from 30 per cent to 19 per cent.

Peter Lewis, the chairman, said the company had done well to hold the drop in UK plant hire turnover at about 8 per cent, compared with a 25 per cent contraction in the overall market. As a result, Ashtead's market share is thought to have increased by about one percentage point from 4.5 per cent.

The rights issue reduced the company's gearing from 71 per cent to 45 per cent. The interest charge is up from £1.13 million to £1.9 million.

A final 3.025p dividend makes a total of 4.125p (3.75p) for the year, up 10 per cent.

Casualties of a false dawn

COMMENT

Just as the stock market thought it was safe to buy on the grounds that the worst news was out and companies were starting to recover from the first impact of the recession, Barratt Developments has stained the rosy picture. On the day the main share index scaled another new peak, many fervently hoped this is the exception that proves the rule.

As Jamie Stevenson of Kleinwort Benson rightly notes, Barratt has always tended to be a law unto itself. The group that first made its name by churning out houses in high volume has been replenishing its land bank while other housebuilders have cautiously drawn back. Barratt was particularly active in taking on buyers' old houses in the hope of overcoming what was once seen as a short-term problem in the market. Problems in America will also feature strongly in its massive asset writedowns.

The crucial blow surely came in the spring, however, when John Swanson, who combined the posts of chairman and chief executive until yesterday, appears to have been deceived by the false dawn in the housing market around Easter. That is the obvious explanation for his optimism in April, when Barratt maintained its dividend against all City expectations as a gesture of confidence in rapid recovery.

If the final tally of losses for the year to end-June is about £100 million, shareholders will have lost about 37 per cent of their assets and debts will more than match shareholders funds of about £1 a share.

Barratt is, however, not the only one to misread the market or to be suffering from the housing market's obstinate refusal to take its normal place in the vanguard of a recovery in consumer spending. The Chancellor himself was deceived and Sir Eric Pountain of Tarmac, Britain's biggest housebuilder, has already issued a warning that trade is still damagingly bad.

Despite the cuts in interest rates, there really is no sign of recovery in housing. The Treasury's *Quarterly Bulletin*, which looked exhaustively among the figures for some sign of cheer, could find nothing. The building societies, which have a vested interest in optimism, can find no grounds for any.

Nor is housing the only sector in this rut. As the weekend figures demonstrated, the car market is still getting worse in the season when manufacturers, component makers and dealers looked for relief in the annual changed in registration plate letters. There is likely to be plenty more bad news from makers of other durables that cost less than houses or cars. Confidence is no doubt improving. Despite the Chancellor's continuing hopes of a v-shaped recovery, which was buoyed up by last week's monthly retail sales improvement, the odds are still that the recovery will be long shallow and patchy, causing many more fatalities and severe corporate injuries on the way.

False lessons

Everyone remotely concerned with bank regulation from the Group of Ten to the British Bankers Association knows that there are lessons to be learnt from what the chairman of the US Senate banking committee has called a "massive regulatory breakdown" in the BCCI affair. What they are is not so obvious. Controlling imprudence is one thing, preventing complex top level fraud is another. At the moment, there seem to be three strands of thought.

In America, which has a long tradition of distrusting banks, the first instinct is for more regulation. The Senate banking committee may well seek to amend new banking legislation to tighten control over foreign banks. This could involve more forms, more inspections, more capital and more restrictions. America has only got half way through liberalising its domestic banking from damaging restrictions imposed after the depression and has already hit an unnerving collapse in savings and loan institutions.

In Europe, the first instinct is for more co-operation and integration among regulators. Within the the European Community, this is required for the single market in banking. This would make clear who was the lead regulator for any bank on the basis of business done rather than nomimal country of origin. But world co-operation between banking regulators, not least through the Cooke committee, is already much greater than in any other area of trade.

A third approach, recommended elsewhere on this page by the BBA, is a sort of market incentive system for regulators. If home rather than host countries had to compensate depositors in a failed bank, offshore banking centres or small countries like Luxembourg would have a strong incentive to control banks operating from their teritory. If they did not run a compensation scheme, depositors could draw their own conclusions.

While the BBA is no doubt smarting at the prospect of having to pay up, since Britain's deposit protection scheme is financed by banks not the taxpayer, its members should note that, under the proposed new EC rules, the Bank of England would have been lead regulator for BCCI. That would not obviously have stopped the fraud, though the Bank might have acted earlier against BCCI on other grounds. If lessons are to be learnt, any changes should face a simple test: would they have prevented the BCCI affair?

Hindsight provides measure of quality control for surveys

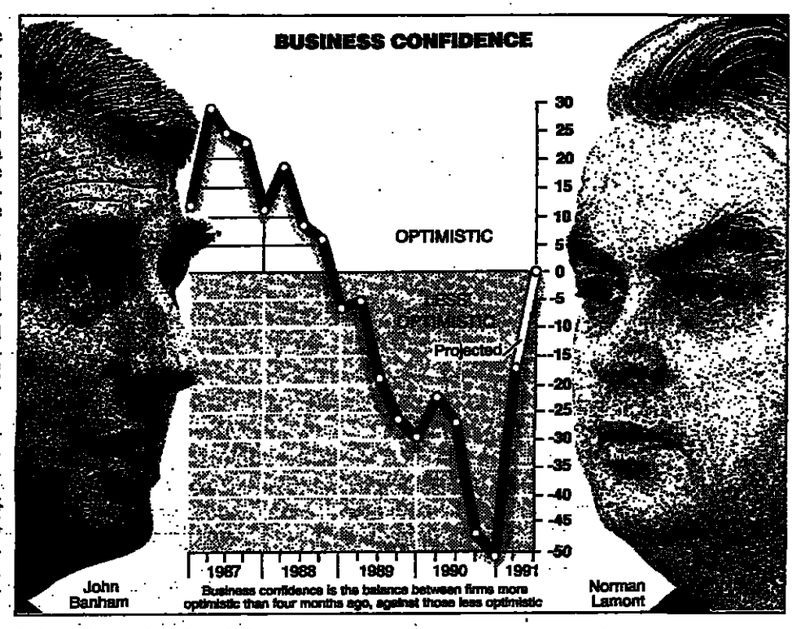
NORMAN Lamont, the Chancellor, has one important job to do before he travels to Moscow tomorrow to advise the Soviets on their economy: he should study hard the latest industrial trends survey to find out what is happening to the British economy.

The quarterly survey from the Confederation of British Industry, recognised by the Chancellor as an important economic indicator and due out today, is of particular significance for Mr Lamont.

The Chancellor and the prime minister are unshakeable in their insistence that the battered British economy will start to improve in the second half of this year. If it is to do so, then some sign of a bottoming out ought to be discernible from today's survey of business covering the April to June period.

The survey is likely to provide mixed reading for the Chancellor. Although it will give evidence that the recession is bottoming out, and deliver good news on inflation, it will show no marked improvement in the economy since April.

The confederation is rightly proud of its authoritative industrial trends, of the endorsement it has received from the government, and of its ability to track accurately the economy; far more accurately, the conferderation claims, than government economic statistics do.



Confederation economists, however, are the first to admit that the survey is perhaps at its least sure precisely when its findings are most needed by analysts and forecasters: at turning points in the economic cycle. Mr Lamont and British industry hope that the economy is now at, or even past, the turning point in this recession, and is on its way up.

John Banham, the confederation's ebullient director general, is dismissive of the government's economic statistics for many reasons. One of these is what he claims to be the poor quality of those providing the government's information: lower-grade managers, as he puts it, not fully knowledgeable about the state of the companies for which they work. The confederation's trends surveys, Mr Banham says, are completed by companies' most senior managers, so giving a fully informed and, therefore, fully accurate account of the state of British industry.

How good are the confederation's data providers, those senior managers in 1,300 companies who fill in the regular 17-item questionnaire that forms the basis of the trends survey? Is what they are saying, rather than what the confederation's economic spin-doctors say they are saying, on target?

> The government and outside forecasters believe that the upturn will emerge in the forward indicators

Both ministers and City analysts believe that the survey's forward-looking indicators are among its most important features. Before real growth in hard orders, which will show that Britain is out of recession, the government and outside forecasters believe that the upturn will emerge in the forward indicators.

An analysis of the survey, however, suggests a considerable over-optimism and sometimes plain inaccuracy by those managers, praised by Mr Banham, who fill in the returns. Take the run of the last six surveys, excluding the one to be published today, which go back to the start of the decade — before British business fell off the cliff last autumn.

Looking at three key indicators (numbers employed, volume of new orders and volume of output) and comparing what those surveyed forecast for the next four months compared to what then happened shows a considerable gap between hope and experience.

Take orders. In January last year, a balance — those expecting more orders set against those expecting fewer — of minus 5 per cent of companies expected orders to worsen. In fact, the retrospective figure showed the outturn was actually 2 per cent: real growth, and considerably better than expected. Perhaps based on this, the next quarter's four-month forward expectations stood at 4 per cent. In fact, orders plummeted, with a balance of minus 19 per cent by last July, showing the economy already tightening.

> The gaps between what companies think is going to happen and what then actually does are sometimes considerable

That forced down the next expectation figure, to minus 8 per cent, but this was a huge underestimate of what actually happened, with actual orders plunging by last October to minus 36 per cent.

Faced with such a pitch downwards, those completing the confederation's questionnaires began to revise their expectations considerably. Order forecasts fell to minus 22 per cent. But they were still wrong: subsequently, actual orders were shown to have fallen still further, to minus 33 per cent. By the time of the survey in January, expectations on orders at minus 35 per cent were more closely in line with what was shown to be the outturn, at minus 41 per cent. Currently, order expectations stand at minus 8 per cent, and today's survey will show how accurate a forecast that has been.

Similar deviations from what actually happened can be shown in the forward-looking indicators for employment, output and others.

Much of business is confidence, or the setting of hope over experience, the belief that things will improve. Inevitably, companies always want things to be better than they are, and there is always an element of wish-fulfillment, of talking themselves into or out of recessions.

None of this is to doubt either the accuracy or the validity of the highly-regarded confederation trends survey; it simply shows what a hard job even sophisticated crystal ball gazing is. But the gaps between what companies think is going to happen, and what then actually does, are sometimes considerable, and simply reinforce the caveats about the dangers of economic forecasting — especially at, or near to, turning points in the cycle — that the confederation always makes. But they may make the findings of today's survey equivocal enough to cloud the lessons Mr Lamont will take with him to Moscow.

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TEMPUS

Budgens makes plans for three-year revival

JULIAN HERBERT

BUDGENS' new management will be hoping that it is given the time and opportunity to prove its worth and put Budgens back on the profits rail, and that the grocery stores chain is not snapped up in a takeover, now that the worst of a horrid year is behind it.

Clive Clague, the chairman, and John von Spreckelsen, the chief executive, took hold of the rescue reins three days after Budgens' April 27 year end. Yesterday they gave new meaning to the word "bludgeon" in presenting 1991 results.

These show a pre-tax loss of £14.7 million, not helped by a host of exceptional items totalling £11.8 million, compared with previous pre-tax profits of £11.8 million. Net losses were 13.3p a share (10.7p profit) and there is no final dividend. To top that, a dented balance sheet showed net assets at April 30 down from £41.2 million to £29.6 million, and gearing up from 53 per cent to 142 per cent.

But a 74.9 million shares placing at 30p, with clawback provision on a six-for-seven basis, to raise £21.7 million net, will help clear the decks. Now that past sins have been identified, and are being tackled, there is a genuine prospect of real profits within two years at the earliest, and by April 1994 at the latest.

Budgens operates 95 stores. New management is testing new lines and is out to raise productivity, and expects within two years to have raised the percentage of revenue to sales from a meagre 0.7 per cent to the industry average return of 6.3 per cent.

Yesterday's "warm response" to the share placing suggests the City is prepared to give "new Budgens" a chance.


Tackling sins: John von Spreckelsen, of Budgens

But any quoted company is vulnerable to a bid, and especially one seen to be getting up off its knees.

Meanwhile, the cash injection will clip gearing to 39 per cent. Capital expenditure will be held at £10 million, and if there are modest profits in 1992, perhaps a token final dividend will be paid a year from now.

The profits recovery is billed as a three-year programme, with the first evidence likely in the second year, so patience is the byword.

The shares have tumbled from 245p in 1987 to 27p two weeks ago and yesterday traded at 35p, up 2p. IEP Securities, Schroders, Electra Investment Trust and Gartmore, collectively holding 36.6 per cent, will be cheering from the sidelines, so perhaps the bottom has now been seen.

Bullough

BULLOUGH'S refrigeration interests are not reaping the promised benefit of tougher legislation controlling chilled food storage and, on one of the hottest days of the summer, a 38 per cent fall in taxable profits to £7.18 million at the interim stage did little to refresh shareholders.

The total dividend is to be frozen at 6.05p a share for the third consecutive year. The shares, however, breezed 12p ahead to 110p when the company held its interim dividend at 1.75p and promised an unchanged final of 4.3p.

No cut had been expected, but it is always reassuring to see the commitment in black and white, particularly when the company in question is so dependent on sales of office furniture. Earnings from this sector slipped from almost £7 million to £4.72 million.

Store fitting incurred a £1.82 million loss compared with profits of £365,000 last time. Refrigeration held profits unchanged at £2.1 million, which is something of a disappointment, given that the main supermarket chains were expected to invest heavily in new equipment to comply with the requirement to store chilled food at below 8 degrees centigrade now and less than 5 degrees centigrade after April 1993. When the economic outlook improves this investment may materialise. In the meantime, store managers seem content to simply turn down thermostats on old equipment and cross their fingers.

Rationalisation should reduce losses in store fitting and support margins in office products, but the outlook is uncertain.

Full-year profits may decline from £26.02 million to less than £20 million and earnings from 14.3p to 10.94p, leaving the dividend covered 1.8 times.

At a rating of 10 times prospective earnings, the shares are looking for an early economic recovery.

Bankers seek new rules after BCCI

THE British Bankers' Association is calling for changes in international banking regulation after the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

The association's members are angry about the £125 *million levy they are likely to* be charged to compensate BCCI's British depositors. They want a system in which the home country of a bank pays any compensation if it collapses.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, president of the association and chairman of TSB Group, said the association hopes to discuss the BCCI affair with banking authorities. He said: "International supervision has to become better co-ordinated. The regulators are well aware of that. The whole issue of cross-border banking is unresolved."

Lord Inchyra, the association's secretary general, said the host country should pay for any bank closure or failure. In the case of BCCI, the Luxembourg Monetary Institute would have been liable for compensation payments.

The association hopes this would encourage nations to regulate their banks more closely and limit the size of their operations abroad. Under the terms of the European Commision's second banking directive, any bank registered by one authority can, from 1993, open branches in all 11 other member states.

Sir Nicholas, however, said the association would resist


Sir Nicholas: talk hopes

any European move to offer total compensation to depositors. He said: "It is a recipe for disaster. There has to be a principal of *caveat emptor* in all instances of savings and depositing money. Everything carries a risk in this life, but people do not realise the dangers of depositing money."

Meanwhile, Tom Frost, chairman of the association's executive committee, and chief executive of National Westminster, played down fears of problems within the secondary banking market. He said the main banks had not seen a rush of new deposits from smaller banks but that the deposits were rising in NatWest's wholesale market.

Sir Nicholas said: "I do not have serious worries about contagion. But there are a number of institutions who rely on the wholesale markets. Touch wood, this does not look like another 1973."

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Banking Correspondent

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Derby winner

REMEMBER Clive Richards? Managing partner of Wedd Durlacher in the Sixties, a banker with Rothschilds in the Seventies, and now chairman of Security Archives, he has become a familiar sight at, of all things, agricultural shows. He is usually there with his pedigree Hereford bull, Derby — the largest Hereford in Britain — which has won 11 supreme titles in a row. "My house is littered with silver," laments Richards, High Sheriff of Greater London since April, and the man who introduced Mazda cars to Britain. He joined Mrs Thatcher near his Herefordshire home last week for a dinner arranged by the Special Air Service — not normally known for its culinary skills — in honour of the regiment's golden jubilee.

Handful of dust

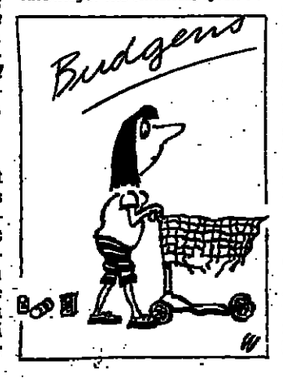
OPTIONS dealers on the old Stock Exchange floor had to fight their way through a huge pall of dust yesterday. The exchange has been busy removing the hexagon-shaped trading booths from the disused side of the floor and putting in an artificial ceiling. "Everything is covered in dust", laments Simon Heron of James Capel, who says white surgical face-masks would not go amiss.

SCOTTISH & Newcastle must be wondering whether the 1987 takeover of the Theakston brewery was such a good idea after all. Days after Paul Theakston dubbed his new rival brew The Black Sheep, council planners are today expected to reject planning permission on S&N's site in Masham, North Yorkshire. The company wants to demolish a chimney in the old Theakston brewery but planners have decided it must stay.

Trumping Saatchi

MARTIN Sorrell's debt-hit WPP advertising agency looks likely to score from a North-west Airlines purchase of the Boston-New York-Washington commuter shuttle from Donald Trump. Such a move would oust the incumbent agency, the debt-laden Saatchi & Saatchi. WPP's J Walter Thompson is odds-on to get Northwest's $90 million American account, its largest in three years. But the break will be tough for Saatchi. It had to give up a $100 million RJR Nabisco account several years ago after conducting a campaign for Northwest applauding a smoking ban on its planes.

OLDER hands in the Square Mile have been quietly raising a glass to Freddie Bolding, a former partner of Pinchin Denny, who died last week. Always immaculate, he was known for his lunches, often in the Throgmorton Grill, for which he unfailingly picked up the bill. "A lot of us came in as juniors and he took us under his wing and taught us the business," said a former protegé.



Buffalo Ted

TED Turner, 51-year-old owner of CNN and one of America's most powerful men — his cable network news now reaches 58.8 million (or 63 per cent) of all US television households — is replacing cows on his Montana ranch with 7,000 head of bison. He says buffalos are prettier and environmentally more desirable. The West is overgrazed, he says, and top soil and nitrates are being washed into creeks and streams. Perhaps bison eat less. Talking of beauty and nature, Turner has been a constant escort for nearly two years of Jane Fonda, pro-green actress and former political campaigner.

Cdrton the act

ALLEN "Weetabix" Wheat, who led the mass defection from Bankers Trust to Credit Suisse Financial Products last year, was spotted at a recent wine-tasting organised by Christies, of the great white burgundies that will set you back from £50 to £80 per bottle. In between mouthfuls, he let slip that he keeps several cases of Corton Charlemagne in his cellar. Since cases go for up to £600 each, depending on the vintage, the Credit Suisse Financial Products Christmas party promises to be a festive affair . . .

Midnight run

A CITY banker who joined the QE2 on its recent cruise to North Cape got more than he bargained for. Robert Hopkins of Kleinwort Benson, worried that he was eating too much, decided to test out the running track on the boat deck. He stunned himself by running 40 miles during the eight-day voyage and was presented with an award by Golden Door Spa, a California firm that runs the onboard gymnasium. "I only took up running three weeks ago," says Hopkins bashfully. And his prize? "A pair of shoelaces and a water bottle," he grunts.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Government must answer questions on BCCI

From Dr Marjorie Mowlam MP

Sir, There must be a full enquiry into the events leading up to the closure of BCCI on July 5. Moreover, the seriousness of the questions raised demands that it should not be conducted solely by Treasury and Bank of England insiders.

At the moment the best that those of us outside the closed circle of Ministers and officials with a direct responsibility for UK banking supervision can do is evaluate matters on the basis of the steady trickle of information emerging from various parties involved at home and abroad. This evidence, such as it is, strongly suggests that the authorities have a case to answer. Now that it is known that a report presented to the Bank in October 1990 by Price Waterhouse, BCCI's auditors, contained prima facie evidence of fraudulent documentation, there seems to be no excuse for the Bank not taking urgent action several months ago.

If BCCI was not to be closed then, why did the Bank of England not use their influence more vigorously to reshape the bank's management structure and ensure that proper accounting procedures were put in place at least in the UK branches? Numerous other questions need an answer, ranging from the ability of various national authorities to meet their obligation to supervise international banks (a problem which can only become more difficult with the EC second banking directive coming into force in 1993) to the appropriate responsibilities of authors.

It is incumbent on the Government to answer all these questions in the Commons without delay.

Yours faithfully,
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SW1.

Geared futures and options funds

From the Minister for Corporate Affairs

Sir, Your business leader (July 5) on geared futures and options funds gives a very partial view.

In an open European market we cannot not prevent people buying more adventurous or risky funds from offshore sources even if we wished to. When I introduced the enabling regulations in the House of Commons the committee and I agreed that there should be tight controls on marketing geared funds to prevent cold calling: SIB have published detailed regulations which include a general prohibition on cold calling for GFOFs save in very limited circumstances. Investors will also be given very clear warnings of the risks involved and in particular that they could lose all or a substantial part of their investment. The regulators have assured me that investors will not be able, under their rules, to lose more than their initial stake.

I repeat my warning that geared funds can be risky. The new geared funds will be more restricted than the equivalents in France or the USA. Given that they are called "geared", given the restrictions on marketing, it seems to me preferable the British investment industry can run them here under a close regulatory eye in this country, rather than driving them all offshore or to our competitors.

I also repeat my view that futures and options funds can be less risky than a typical unit trust product if suitably designed. Options and futures contain risk limiting properties if used in the right way. The idea of some FOFs will be to offset market risk in futures, rather than concentrating a gearing risk.

Yours sincerely,
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Action group help

From Mr Philip Thomas

Sir, To assist the BCCI Depositors' Protection Group in the co-ordination of its actions, and so that interested parties may know who to contact, I should be grateful if you would publish this letter with the telephone and fax numbers.

The group will liaise between individuals, companies and corporations who are affected by the Bank of England's actions.

I would also welcome enquiries from employees of BCCI.

I hope you are able to help, and thank you in anticipation of receiving your invaluable assistance.

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Training standards

From Mr David Hunt

Sir, Your correspondent Mr Hogarth (PW redundancies, July 3) draws attention to the plight of students training to be chartered accountants whose work experience requirements cannot be fully met during the current recession.

This institute imposes the most rigorous standards on offices seeking authorisation to train chartered accountants. Among these, the student quota for each office is fixed according to its training resources, and offices are obliged to report variations in those resources as they occur. Thus, we have the authority at any time to reduce quotas, or even to remove training authorisation – though the latter is not undertaken lightly, not least because of its effect on remaining students.

The institute already provides detailed guidance to firms contemplating redundancies to ensure that students' interests are properly considered.

We also provide limited assistance to students seeking to be placed with other offices, with some success.

Yours faithfully,
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STOCK MARKET

Shares set record on hopes over economy

THE futures market helped to drive London equities to a new high, continuing the record-breaking run of the last two weeks, although they closed below their best as they ran out of steam after an uncertain start on Wall Street.

With the FT-SE futures at a healthy premium to the underlying cash market, London took cheer from a fresh wave of optimism about the British economy. The City now awaits the latest CBI industrial trends survey, due today, which is expected to show business confidence is up and the recession is bottoming out.

The first day of the new account saw the FT-SE index extend last Friday's record close and finally push through 2,600, although this was not sustained at the close. The index finished well below its best level, ending 5.7 higher at 2,595.0, having touched a new trading high of 2,612.4 during the day. The gain would have been even greater but for ex-dividend considerations, which knocked about ten points off the index. The FT 30-share index rose 7.8 to 2,011.3.

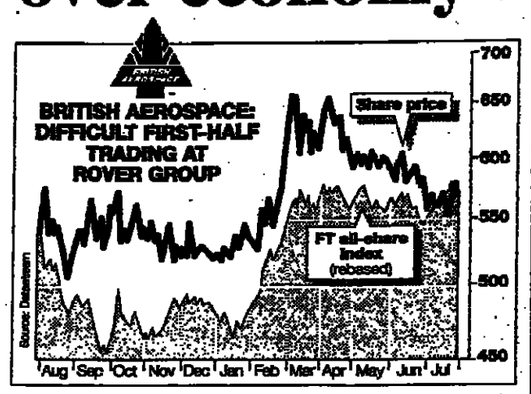
Volume, bolstered by two modest programme trades, reached a relatively healthy 529.4 million shares. Gilts were firmer, with gains of up to £¼ in longs.

Leading shares that went ex-dividend included **British Telecom**, down 2½p at 391½p, **British Gas**, 4½p lower at 270p, **Reuters**, down 31p to 757p, **Grand Metropolitan**, 4p easier at 780p, **Scottish & Newcastle**, off 3p to 407p, and **Lonrho**, 8p lower at 256p.

British Aerospace fell 17p to 568p after the group said that its Rover cars subsidiary was still finding trading difficult in the first half of the year.

Analysts said that although it was reasonably well known that British car makers had a difficult time in the first half, the BAe statement drew attention to the fact.

Bass, the brewing, hotels and leisure group, was 16p flatter at 904p against the trend of a firmer London market, after a downgrading by Lehman Brothers, the American brokerage house. Christopher Wickham, at Lehman, has changed his recommendation to sell from neutral and cut £100 million from his pre-tax profit forecast for 1992, to £471 million.



Elsewhere, shares in **Barratt**, the housebuilder, more than halved after the company gave a warning of large losses. The company expects pre-tax losses approaching £100 million in the year to end-June, of which about £80 million will represent exceptional items. The shares plunged from 71p to 30p on the news, before closing at 34p.

Dixons, the electrical retailer, added 4p to 243p. Rodney Forrest, an analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, reaffirms his buy recommendation. He sees Dixons as one of the more attractive recovery stocks and forecasts an advance in pre-tax profits to £87 million for the year to April 1992 against £71.7 million.

The surprise announcement took its toll on others in the construction sector. **Beazer** lost 6p to 78p, **Costain** 6p to 146p and **Wimpey** 5p to 169p.

Shares in **SG Warburg Group**, the merchant bank, stood out in generally firm British financials with a gain of 15p to 493p while **Mercury Asset Management Group**, its 75 per cent owned company, ended 10p higher to 775p.

Meanwhile, the clearing banks were in fine fettle, with **Abbey National** adding 2p to 306p before tomorrow's results. **Midland**, which reports its interim on Friday, gained 9p to 208p after news that the bank is in talks with BATs, off 2p to 742p.

Budgens, the supermarkets group, returned from suspension at 37p, up 2p, after news of a £21.7 million placing and open offer accompanying losses of nearly £15 million.

After last week's interim figures, **ICI** added 10p to 1,331p, having touched £13.37, while **Hanson**, which has a 2.8 per cent stake in ICI, firmed 2p to 213p.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office made a preliminary determination that **Glaxo Holdings** was the first to invent the use of certain compounds, including ondansetron (Zofran), in the treatment of nausea and vomiting. **SmithKline Beecham** is alleging that Glaxo's patent on Zofran infringes its own patent. Glaxo added 11p to 1,255p, while SmithKline A fell 9p to 812p.

On the bid front, **SD-Scicon** advanced 3p to 59p amid hopes of an increased offer. **Sutherland**, the USM food manufacturer, added 6p to 63p, after news of a 66p agreed bid from fellow foods group **Hazlewood Foods**, valuing Sutherland at £35 million. Hazlewood shares slipped 3p to 190p.

News of a bid approach helped to lift shares in **Saltire Insurance Investments** by 9p to 61p, after 67p.

The stores sector was firm, lifted by hopes of an upturn in consumer confidence. **Boots** climbed 6p to 422p, **GUS 'A'** 30p to 1305p, **Next** 1p to 35p, **Kingfisher** 7p to 534p and **Storehouse** 3p to 114p.

PHILIP PANGALOS

WALL STREET

New York

BLUE chips gave up slim gains in mid-morning as buyers showed little reaction to a 0.5 per cent rise in both June personal income and spending.

The Dow Jones industrial average was about 1 point down at 2,971.

☐ Tokyo – The market closed lower in thin trade with the 225-share Nikkei average down 75.49 points at 23,443.58.

☐ Sydney – Shares closed slightly higher with the All-ordinaries index up 4.4 points at 1,567.5.

☐ Frankfurt – The 30-share DAX index ended at 1,605.57, down 0.07 points. *Reuter*

	Jul 29 midday	Jul 26 close
Abbott Lab	51¾	52
Aetna Life	36¾	36¾
Ahmanson	17¼	17¼
Air Prods	62¾	63
Albertsons	28⅝	29
Alcan Al	20¾	20¾
Alco Stand	33	33
Allied Signal	37¾	37¾
Alumin CA	70¾	71
Am Brands	41¾	41¾
Am Cyanamd	64	64⅝
Am EPC	29⅜	29⅜
Am General	36⅜	36⅜
Am Home	62⅜	62⅜
Am Intl	61¼	61¼
Am Stores	40¾	40¾
Amex	22⅝	22⅝
Amer Home	83⅝	83⅝
Ameritech	60¼	60¼
Amex	25¾	24⅜
Amoco	62⅝	62¾
AMP	32⅝	32¼
AMR	61	61¼
Anheuser-B	50⅜	49⅝
Apple Comp	44⅝	44¾
Archer-Dan	25⅞	25⅞
Ardia	17¾	17¾
Atmco	4⅝	4⅝
Armstrong	22⅝	22¾
Asarco	25⅜	25¼
Ashland Oil	35⅝	36
AT&T	29⅝	29⅝
Atlan Richfld	122¾	122⅝
Auto DP	52	52
Avery Denn	23⅝	23¾
Avon Prod	40¾	40⅝
Baldwin Pia	22⅝	22¾
Banc One	41⅞	42
Bankamerica	34⅛	33⅝
Bard	24⅛	24
Bastard Bk	30⅝	30⅝
Bausch Lmb	34⅝	34⅝
Becton Intl	34¾	34¾
Bec Dickin	64⅝	65⅜
Bell Atlan	48⅜	48⅛
Bellsouth	48¼	48⅜
Bir Hughes	25⅝	24⅞
Black Decker	15⅜	15⅞
Block	29	29
Boise Tst NY	57⅝	57⅝
Boeing	42¾	43⅜
Boise Casc	25	24⅝
Boston	34⅜	36⅛
Brist-Myer	82⅝	81⅞
Browng-Fer	23⅞	23⅞
Burl Nth	30⅝	30⅜
CAI	8⅜	8⅜
Campbell Sp	76⅝	76⅛
Cap Cities	460	460
Capitol HC	46⅝	47
Carolina	47¾	47
Caterpillar	48⅜	48⅜
CBS	163⅜	164⅛
Central SW	46⅝	46⅜
Champion	28⅞	28⅜
Chase Man	70¼	70⅜
Chem Bkng	25⅞	25⅝
Chevron	71	70⅝
Chrysler	13¾	13⅝
Chubb	68	68¼
Cigna	42⅝	42¾
Cincrp	14⅜	15
Cinne Utz	41⅞	41¾
Citicrp	38⅜	38⅜
Citizth Eds	36⅝	37
GNA Finl	80	80
Coastal	31¼	31½
Coca-Cola	57⅜	57⅝
Colgate-Pal	39⅞	39⅝
Comb Eng	17⅜	18⅝
Compaq	32⅜	31½
Conagra	43¼	43⅝
Cons Edis	25⅝	25⅜
Cons NG	40⅞	40⅝
Cons Rail	66⅜	66⅛
Cooper Ind	53⅜	53⅜
Corning	65	65⅞
CPC Intl	65⅜	65⅛
Crown Cork	65⅜	64⅞
CSX	48⅝	48⅝
Dana	35⅞	35⅝
Dayton-Hud	69⅜	69⅝
Deere	51⅜	51
Delta Air	72⅞	74
Dekco	44⅜	44⅞
Detroit Ed	28⅜	28¾
Digital Eq	89⅝	89⅝
Disney	122⅜	121⅞
Dillard	118⅜	117¾
Dominion	48⅜	48⅝
Donnelley	45⅜	45⅜
Dover	57⅜	57⅛
Dow Chem	55⅜	55⅝
Dow Jones	55⅛	55⅞
Dresser Ind	21	21⅞
Du Pont	49¾	49⅝
Duke Pwr	29⅜	29
Dun Bradst	44	44⅛
East Kodak	39⅜	39⅝
Eaton	65⅜	65⅞
Emerson El	48⅝	48⅝
Enron	32⅜	32⅝
Enserch	24⅞	24⅞
Entergy	24⅞	24⅞
Ethyl	34⅝	34⅜
Exxon	59	59⅛
Ford MMA	54⅝	54⅝
Fedd Dept	42¾	42¾
Fl Nornbnr	24⅜	24⅛
Fluor	45⅝	45⅜
FMC	47¾	47¾
Ford Motor	35⅞	35⅝
FPL	31⅞	32⅛
Fst Chicago	22⅝	23⅛
Fst Interst	26⅝	26⅝
Fst Union	24	23⅞
Gannett	45⅜	45⅜
GAP	35⅜	35⅝
Gen Dynms	21⅞	22
Gen Elec	72⅝	72⅝
Gen Mills	59⅝	60
Gen Motors	49⅝	49⅝
Gen RE	82⅝	83⅛
Gen Signal	45⅜	46⅛
Genuine Pts	43⅜	43⅝
Georgia-Pac	54⅛	55
Gillette	38⅝	38⅝
Glaxo	44⅛	44⅜
Goodrich	37⅝	38⅛
Goodyear	57⅜	58⅛
Grace	35⅞	35⅝
Grantcornd	34⅜	34⅛
Gt Atlantic	41⅝	41⅞
Gt Western	18	17⅞
Greyhnd	28⅝	28⅝
Gulf & W	27⅞	27⅞
Halliburtn	38	37¾
Heinz	39⅝	39⅞
Hercules	40⅜	40
Harnischfg Fd	41⅝	41⅜
Household Fnl	55⅜	55⅜
Hilton Hd	41⅜	42
Home Depot	47	46⅝
Honeywell	17⅞	17
Houstindstr	39⅝	39⅝
Howard Intl	40⅝	40⅝
Humana	48⅜	48⅜
IBM	102⅝	102⅝
IFSF	77⅞	78⅛
Illinois TW	37⅞	37⅞
Inco	36⅝	36⅝
Ingsol-Rand	35⅞	35⅝
Inland Steel	23⅜	23⅝
Intel	45	45⅛
Intl Paper	68⅞	68⅝
ITT	38⅜	37
James River	28⅝	28⅝
Johnson Johns	66⅝	67⅜
K Mart	46⅝	47
Kellogg	103	102⅝
Kerr-McGee	46⅜	46⅜
Kimby-Clrk	64⅝	65⅛
Knight-Rdr	31⅝	31⅝
Lilly	73⅝	73⅝
Limited	28⅞	28⅜
Lin Bridcmp	66	64⅜
Lincln Nat	47	47
Litton Ind	77⅛	77⅛
Lockheed	40⅜	40⅜
Louis-Pac	43⅜	43
Manu Hanv	28⅝	28⅝
Marriott	17⅝	17⅝
Marsh Mclen	77⅜	77⅜
Martin Mar	57⅛	57⅜
Masco	22	22⅛
May Dept	54⅜	55⅛
Maytag	15⅜	15⅜
McDnl Doug	54	54
McDonalds	32⅝	32⅝
McGraw-Hill	65⅞	66
MCI Com	27	27⅜
Mead	30⅜	30⅜
Mechanic	12⅜	13⅛
Mellon Bk	31⅜	31⅞
Melville	46⅝	46⅝
Merck	123¾	123¾
Merll Lynch	40	40⅛
Minnesota	57⅝	57⅞
Mobil	65⅜	66⅛
Monsanto	72⅜	72⅝
Morgn Grnf	23⅝	23⅝
Morgan JP	51⅜	51⅝
Motorola	63	63⅜
Nat Medical	47⅝	47
Nat Semicd	18	18⅛
Nat Service	25⅝	25⅝
Navistar	9¾	9¾
NCNB	34	34⅜
NCR	108⅝	108⅜
NEG Shop	39⅜	39⅜
Newmont Min	40⅞	40⅝
Niagr Mhwk	16	16⅛
Nike	42⅝	42⅜
NL Indstrs	13⅝	13⅝
Nordstrom	44	44⅜
Norfolk Sthn	48⅜	48⅜
Northrop	29⅜	29⅜
Nthn St Pwr	35	35
Nthn Telecm	49⅝	50⅛
NY Times	21⅝	22
Nynex	73⅜	73⅛
Ocdnl Petrl	22⅜	22¾
Ohio Edl	18⅜	18⅛
Omnicm Gp	9⅝	9⅝
Oryx Energy	32	31⅞
Pac Enl	28⅝	28⅝
Pac Gas Elec	26⅝	26
Pac Telesis	42¾	43⅛
Pacemkcorp	21⅝	21⅝
Pall	37⅛	37⅛
Paramount	39⅝	39⅝
Parker-Hanin	24⅝	25⅛
Penney	47¾	47¾
Pennzoil	72⅜	72⅝
Peoples	23⅞	24⅛
Pfizer	61⅞	60⅝
Phelps Fds	28⅜	28⅝
Philips Elec	20¼	20⅜
Phip Morris	66⅝	66⅞
Phillps Dodge	60	59⅞
Phillips Petr	21⅜	21⅜
Pitney Bowe	60⅝	61⅛
Placer Dm	13⅝	13⅝
PNC Fncl	39⅝	39⅝
Polaroid	26	26
PPG Inds	55⅝	56⅛
Procr Gamble	78⅜	78
Prlcw	55⅝	55⅞
Prmedco	57⅜	58⅛
Pub Service	27	26⅝
Quaker Oats	38	38⅛
Ralston Pur	48⅛	48⅜
Raychem	38⅝	37
Raytheon	62	62⅜
Rockwell	23⅝	23⅝
Rohm Haas	44⅛	44⅞
Royal Dutch	67⅜	67⅛
Russell Cp	54⅜	54⅞
Ryder Syst	14⅝	14⅝
Safeway	18⅞	19
Salomon	36⅜	36
Sante Fe Pac	9⅜	9⅜
Sara Lee	41⅜	41⅜
Scecorp	6⅝	6⅝
Schlumbrgr	68⅜	68⅜
Schrg-Plgh	53⅜	53⅛
Scott Paper	41	41
Seagram	107⅞	108⅛
Sears Rbck	32⅝	32⅝
Shrwin Pur	23⅝	23⅝
Shrwin-Wllms	24⅛	24⅛
Skyline	16⅜	16⅛
Smap-on-Tls	32⅝	32⅝
Southern	27⅞	28
SE Prod	65	65⅛
Southwst Bk	21⅜	21⅜
Sprint Corp	28⅝	28⅝
Sun Co	28⅜	28⅝
Sunbm Bk	30⅞	31⅛
Super Valu	28⅜	28⅜
Syntl Indl	21⅝	21⅝
Systmc	40⅞	40
Sysco	44⅜	44⅜
Textron	12⅝	12⅝
Tandy	38⅞	37¾
Tele-comm	14⅜	13⅜
Tektronix	19⅝	19⅝
Temple-In	48	47⅝
Tenneco	57⅛	57⅞
Texaco	69⅜	69⅝
Texas Inst	33⅝	33⅝
Texas Utl	37⅜	36⅝
Textron	33	33
Thos Water	65⅜	65⅜
Thos Mler	30⅞	30⅞
Timken	27⅞	27
Torchmark	46⅜	46⅜
Toys R Us	30⅞	30⅞
Transcn	32⅜	32⅜
Travelers	18⅝	18⅝
Tribune	45⅛	44⅝
TRW	45⅝	46⅛
Tyco Lab	43⅞	43⅝
UAL	138⅞	138⅝
Un Camp	46⅜	46⅜
Un Carbide	16⅝	16⅝
Un Pacific	68	68⅛
Unilever	82⅛	82⅛
Unisys	3⅝	4
Unocal	24⅞	24⅝
Upjohn	43¾	43⅜
US Life	41⅜	41⅜
US Steel	35⅝	35⅝
Utah Op	32	32⅛
USFING	8	8⅛
UST	45⅝	44⅝
USX Mar	28⅜	27⅞
Utd Tech	47¾	48
Utd Telcm	28⅛	28⅛
Utd Stat	28⅝	28⅝
Vlnt-Mart	45⅜	45⅜
Wastr Mgmt	36⅞	36⅛
Wells Fargo	70⅜	69⅝
Westg Elec	28¼	27⅞
Weyerhsr	27	27¼
Whirlpool	32¼	33
Wlbrnsn	13⅝	13⅝
Wms-Chile	35⅞	36⅛
Wolwrth	29	29
Wrigley	61¼	61
Xerox	57⅝	57

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Allid Lyons	500	87	96	110	3½	7½	12
(*572)	550	48	68	75	13	21	25
	600	20	34	48	38	44	50
ASDA	90	6	9	12	7	8½	10
(*91)	100	2½	5½	7	15	15	17
	110	1½	3	–	24	24	–
Bass	880	64	–	–	19	–	–
(*904)	929	35	–	–	40	–	–
	977	17	–	–	74	–	–
Boots	360	74	78	–	2½	4	–
(*422)	390	47	54	66	5	9	12
	420	24	35	46	14	19	22
Br Airways	140	39	41	–	1½	2½	–
(*175)	160	23	27	31	5	7	9
	180	9	15	20	13	17	19
BP	330	24	33	38	6	10	13
(*348)	360	10	17	22	23	25	29
	390	3½	6½	–	48	49	–
Br Steel	120	9	11	14½	4¼	7½	8½
(*122)	130	4½	6½	9½	10	13	14
	140	1½	3¼	6½	19	21	21
C & W	500	88	100	–	3½	7	–
(*569)	550	49	64	78	14	19	25
	600	22	37	51	38	44	46
CU	460	60	75	–	5½	8	–
(*511)	500	32	47	55	15	22	28
	550	9	23	30	50	52	55
Courtauld	390	63	71	82	4	9	18
(*446)	420	40	49	61	10½	15	18
	460	18	28	40	28	31	32
GKN	330	34	45	53	9	13	16
(*355)	360	17	28	34	24	27	32
	390	7	17	24	45	48	50
Grand Met	750	64	88	98	17	29	37
(*780)	800	35	58	70	40	52	59
	850	16	38	49	77	82	88
ICI	1250	112	150	167	29	38	55
(*1333)	1300	78	120	140	49	57	74
	1350	54	95	112	75	80	96
Kingfisher	460	84	97	–	4	6	–
(*534)	500	51	67	77	11	15	18
	550	21	35	48	33	35	39
Ladbroke	240	45	49	56	3½	7	9
(*279)	280	29	36	43	7	11½	15
	280	17	25	32	16	21	24
Land Sec	460	65	70	82	2	5½	7½
(*513)	500	42	42	55	10	17	19
	550	8½	17	28	41	44	47
M & S	260	34	42	48	3½	5½	–
(*283)	288	22	28	34	8½	13	13
	300	10	18	23	19	21	22
Sainsbury	326	50	57	–	2	5	–
(*365)	356	26	35	–	8	13	–
	386	10	19	–	24	29	–
Shell	460	85	90	93	2	4	6
(*538)	500	48	58	63	7	11	16
	550	17	28	35	30	35	40
Smkl Beech	750	85	105	–	8½	15	–
(*812)	800	49	70	90	23	31	34
	850	25	45	65	48	52	57
Storehse	108	11	21	25	2½	5	6
(*114)	110	10½	14	17	5½	8	10
	120	6	8½	12	12	14	15
Trafalgr	211	28	33	–	8	16	–
(*225)	231	16	22	–	18	25	–
	251	10	13	–	31	42	–
Ultramar	260	19	25	31	9	11	15
(*278)	280	10½	16	22	22	26	30
	300	4	10	–	37	40	–
Unilever	650	135	–	–	2	–	–
(*764)	700	89	104	–	4½	10	–
	750	51	69	82	17	25	30
Utd Biscs	800	23	40	55	42	52	55
(*392)	390	21	30	38	17	21	26
	420	8	17	23	37	40	44

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
(*247)	240	14	20	27	4	10	12
	260	4	10	17	15	21	25
Racal	200	25	32	38	1½	6	9
(*218)	220	8	19	26	8	14	17
	240	3	10½	17	21	24	28
RTZ	550	45	58	74	4	15	20
(*588)	600	33	30	46	23	35	37
	650	2	14	26	65	70	72
Scot Newc	360	51	60	65	1½	4⅝	8
(*407)	390	24	40	45	5	11	17
	420	7½	22	29	20	25	31
Tesco	253	27	–	–	1½	–	–
(*277)	280	7	15	24	8	14	15
	300	2	6½	14	26	27	29
Thames W	350	40	52	58	1	3½	6
(*387)	370	21	35	42	2	7½	12
	400	4	18	23	15	22	25
Lucas	130	16	21	21	2	5½	7½
(*140)	140	7½	14	15	5	10½	12
	160	1½	5½	8	20	24	26

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Fisons	460	54	66	78	7	12	16
(*495)	500	27	41	53	21	27	32
	550	8	20	31	56	57	59

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abbey Nat	260	52	58	64	1	3	4½
(*307)	288	33	42	48	3	5½	8½
	300	17	27	35	8	11	15
Amstrad	45	8	9½	11½	2	3½	4⅝
(*50)	50	4½	7	8½	4	6	7
	60	2	3½	5	11	13	14
Barclays	420	67	77	87	2½	6	10
(*480)	460	30	47	57	10½	17	23
	500	10	25	37	53	37	42
Blue Circ	240	32	39	46	4	7½	11
(*264)	260	17	25	33	10	14	18
	280	8	17	–	22	27	–
Br Gas	220	55	60	62	1	1½	2
(*270)	240	35	48	44	1⅜	3	5½
	260	17	25	30	3¾	5¾	10
	280	5½	13½	18	14	17	19
Dixons	200	46	52	57	2	3	5
(*243)	220	28	37	42	3	7	10
	240	15	25	30	9½	14	18
Enotmanuel	420	48	65	80	10	20	24
(*449)	460	25	41	59	28	37	42
	500	10	25	39	58	62	65
Forte	240	37	40	46	2½	4	6
(*278)	260	19	26	32	6	9	11
	280	7½	14	20	15	19	22
Glaxo	1200	87	119	152	28	40	51
(*1255)	1250	54	92	122	49	62	72
	1300	31	67	97	80	90	97
Hanker	500	92	100	114	3	8	13
(*582)	550	51	63	80	10	21	27
	600	21	35	52	34	45	52
Hillsdown	220	39	43	49	1	2½	4
(*234)	220	22	28	34	4½	7	10
	240	9½	16	23	13	16	19
	260	3	9	–	27	30	–
Lonrho	240	25	34	36	3½	7½	13
(*256)	260	11	21	24	11	15	23
	280	5	12	16	26	28	35
Midland	160	52	–	–	1	–	–
(*209)	180	33	40	46	3	4½	6½
	200	17

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Utd Newspapers	Newspapers,Pub	
2	BET Ord	Industrials A-D	
3	Siebe	Industrials S-Z	
4	Goring Kerr	Industrials E-K	
5	Kleinwort Benson	Banks,Discount	
6	Logica	Electricals	
7	THORN EMI	Electricals	
8	Boot (Henry)	Building,Roads	
9	Eurotunnel Units	Transport	
10	Burmah Castrol	Oil,Gas	
11	BTR	Industrials A-D	
12	Boots	Industrials A-D	
13	Lloyds	Banks,Discount	
14	Ultramar	Oil,Gas	
15	Westpac	Banks,Discount	
16	Rotork	Industrials L-R	
17	Smith David	Paper,Print,Adv	
18	Hogg Robinson Plc	Drapery,Stores	
19	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
20	Bennett & Fountain	Electricals	
21	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
22	Br Petroleum	Oil,Gas	
23	Tomkins	Industrials S-Z	
24	Reckitt & Colman	Industrials L-R	
25	Dixons Grp	Drapery,Stores	
26	Nat West	Banks,Discount	
27	Midland	Banks,Discount	
28	Volex	Electricals	
29	Jardine Math	Industrials E-K	
30	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
31	Bristol	Newspapers,Pub	
32	Forte	Hotels,Caterers	
33	P & O Dfd	Transport	
34	Br Airways	Transport	
35	Br Borneo	Oil,Gas	
36	BOC	Industrials A-D	
37	Smiths Ind	Industrials S-Z	
38	Multitone Elect	Electricals	
39	Bilton (P)	Property	
40	Scot & New	Breweries	
41	Linton Park	Industrials L-R	
42	Vosper Thorny	Industrials S-Z	
43	Bienheim Gp	Newspapers,Pub	
44	Amersham	Chemicals,Plas	

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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £12,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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1991 High Low Company Bid Price Offer Chge Gross div p Yld % P/E

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Strong start to account

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CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

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Do Acc 84.08 89.04e +0.17 0.73
N Am Dist 138.9 148.9e +0.63 1.22
Do Acc 148.1 158.7e +0.67 1.22
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Experts under a microscope

Home office forensic scientists face increased competition from independent laboratories, Dr Diana Simpson writes

Britain's forensic scientists are under close scrutiny. Following criticism of evidence produced by forensic scientists in the successful appeals of the Guildford Four and the Birmingham Six, there has been increased political pressure.

In these cases, criticism was directed towards Home Office forensic scientists who, when giving evidence for the prosecution, were, say critics, found wanting. In some instances it may be that weaknesses were exposed, in others perhaps the criticism of the forensic scientists may have been overdone because too much was expected of them.

Whether one believes the criticism to be valid or not, there can be little doubt that members of these laboratories and their findings, as presented in the courts, invariably command attention.

Until recently, defence counsel often were reluctant to question expert evidence from sources such as the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory and the network of Home Office laboratories. There were also problems such as finding experts of comparable standing and the practical difficulties of dealing with court exhibits held by the police.

Nowadays, the forensic service offers facilities to the defence side as well as to the prosecution and one may anticipate that increasingly such opportunities will be taken up. Home Office and similar laboratories are also likely to be run more like businesses in the future.

From recent discussions with a senior policeman it is clear that the prosecution may start seeking the services of other laboratories.

There is a rich array of laboratories at universities and polytechnics, many capable of undertaking forensic investigations for civil or criminal proceedings. In some instances such laboratories could offer facilities and experience in specialist areas superior to those owned and controlled by the Home Office.

In giving evidence the effectiveness of some of the staff concerned may be a little more variable than, say, the experienced Home Office person or public analyst.

However, many more independent forensic experts are being brought to courts in Britain from establishments of various kinds in other countries – particularly from institutions on the Continent and North America. They can offer knowledge and experience different from that of the civil servant at a Home Office forensic science laboratory. It may be overlooked in Britain, but these experts may have facilities not only at official establishments overseas but also in entirely independent laboratories, run perhaps as charitable foundations, partnerships, or even incorporated businesses.

Truly independent experts such as these do exist in Britain, and have done so for at least a century, but can be seen as the poor relation and perhaps a greater risk from the point of view of the accused. When buying facilities and equipment the independent operator is not being funded by the public purse, and so the laboratory may be less well-equipped than a government-owned establishment.

On the other hand, advantages of the independent expert include a greater commitment to the work since economic survival depends upon establishing, and on keeping, a good name. In this situation there is a better appreciation of factors such as the relevance of information in evidence and of completing the investigation on time.

> *'Home Office and similar laboratories are also likely to be run more like businesses in the future'*

Many professional institutes include independent experts among their members, and can give information about them. These professional institutes include the Association of Consulting Scientists, the British Academy of Experts, the Forensic Science Society and the Medico-Legal Society. A number of institutes publish directories of expert witnesses.

There is a disadvantage suffered by independent forensic scientists, which at times could have a bearing on whether justice really is done. Unlike his Home Office counterpart in criminal cases, defence experts must travel to the Home Office laboratory or to the police establishment concerned merely to see the exhibits, let alone to examine them. Time is taken, and money spent, just in the travelling from place to place.

The official experts invariably are helpful, and the facilities made available to the visitor more than adequate but it is a different environment and the types of analytical and test instruments will probably not be precisely the same as those used by the independent expert.

Small items of evidence may be used in entirety in tests by the prosecution expert, even before being seen by the defence. In such instances, the independent expert only can look through the notes and statements made available.

Ideally, it should be possible for the independent expert to be present during the prosecution examination of evidence and, on occasions when enough sample is available, for this to be divided so that he may examine it in his own way using his own apparatus and instruments.

In *The Times* in March, Lord Scarman proposed an independent forensic science service, working for the courts, that is to say a judicial service. Such a service would work under the direction of the judge and would undertake any laboratory work that the judge thought necessary.

A merit of this proposal might be to help eliminate common situations in which the evidence of the expert on one side was far less competent than that on the other.

On the other hand, it is difficult to imagine what the public's attitude would be towards commissioning by the Crown Prosecution Service of the scientific research needed to obtain forensic evidence. It might be that people would feel even more use might be made of the same organisations which had produced already flawed evidence.

Even though an independent expert could be chosen to prepare part of the evidence, it might happen that he or she would not be the person who appears in the court, but rather a report is presented by the new service.

This might make the work of the courts easier but I believe that often it would satisfy neither party: both might feel justice was not seen to be done if those responsible for the expert evidence could not be examined in open court.

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Unsung heroes of the lower courts

IT IS 9.50am at Oswestry magistrates' court, Shropshire, and the waiting area is already full. The day is fine and defendants are spilling out of the doors, down the steps and on to the pavement. In wet weather nobody uses the steps for waiting and inside it is almost impossible to move.

The defendants are predominantly young males, most are tattooed, nearly all are smoking. There is nowhere for solicitors to see their clients privately and the top of a metal cabinet is pressed into service as a temporary desk. The stairs to the county court office above double as an office. There are no catering facilities and if anybody asked where the crèche was they would be assumed to be joking.

The scene is far removed from the Royal Courts of Justice, yet it is in courts such as these that the vast majority of criminal cases are dealt with, and they are the stamping ground of many thousands of solicitor advocates who, like me, practise in the magistrates' courts.

The time is now 10am and two courts are in session. The crowd has lessened because applications for licensing extensions are being dealt with in court one. Half a dozen publicans have gone into that court and are waiting to apply for extensions of permitted drinking hours for special occasions. Members of the press have taken up positions in the court that promises the best stories. Those solicitors with brief matters such as adjournments are sitting at the advocates' bench, lobbying the court clerk to have their cases heard first so they can get away quickly. Some will have other courts to go to and be on a tight schedule, others will be anxious to return to the office where a pile of paperwork awaits them. Nobody will be making any money hanging around waiting in court.

A police van arrives outside the court with several defendants. If their solicitor has been lucky, he will have interviewed them first in the police station. If not, he will have to do the best he can at court. Privacy is limited and security consists of a policeman standing by the door. Previously, the basement was used as a cell.

Seventeen miles away at Wrexham, Clwyd, the conditions are better but the pressures are the same. There is a 24-hour duty-solicitor scheme and the solicitor who was on duty the previous night will be in court, having had little if any sleep the night before.

Four magistrates' courts sit daily in a purpose-built building, where at least there are private interview rooms and a canteen. The court is connected to the police station and prisoners are brought through a tunnel to the court. The clerks and the advocates have the same problem of dealing with a lot of cases in the shortest possible time. Solicitors need to deal with a large number of cases to cut down on waiting time and boost efficiency, but this causes problems when clients are being dealt with simultaneously in different courts in the same building.

Throughout the morning the court clerks and solicitors engage in a juggling act with cases and case lists. The pressure on the solicitors is considerable. A mistake can result in a client going to prison unnecessarily, or losing his job because of a conviction.

Much of the crime is serious and the court has just had its fourth murder charge in the past 15 months. Criminal clients are demanding and often difficult to deal with.



BRIEF

PATRICK STEVENS

Nearly all the work is legally aided and many of the solicitors will be hard-pressed to earn more than the policemen who bring the prisoners from the cells.

Why then do I, and thousands like me, go to the magistrates' court week in, week out? It can hardly be for the glory – nobody ever becomes a judge on the basis of sterling performances before lay justices. Still less is it for the money. The truth is simple: most of us like advocacy and the satisfaction of getting a good result for the client. There can also be a camaraderie and humour about the courts which is unlike any other area of the law. Even the most deplorable of human activities can have its lighter side, resulting in moments that can make the work seem worthwhile. They do, however, obscure the fact that the magistrates' courts are underfunded and low in status compared with the crown courts. Yet magistrates' clerks have to be legally qualified and the crown court clerks do not.

The best solicitors in the magistrates' courts are much better advocates than many barristers in the crown court and every case in the crown court has to start in the magistrates' court. Only if the magistrates find a case to answer does it progress to the crown court.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, has adopted a bold approach in the civil courts by redistributing work downwards from the high court to the county court. It is time for him to stop treating the magistrates' court as the poor relation of the crown court and increase its jurisdiction and funding.

There are many practising in the magistrates' courts who would be only too happy to be invited to the wedding.

● *The author is a practising solicitor*

Surprises among the women

THE newly published second stage of the Law Society's national survey of the solicitor's profession contains some silly statistics. For example, the typical firm in England and Wales has 3.6 partners and 5.8 solicitors.

There are a few surprises, particularly for women. If asked, most women solicitors would probably say that obstacles to advancement have all but disappeared, but the figures paint a remarkably different picture.

That 45 per cent of assistant solicitors are women will surprise nobody, that only 10 per cent of partners are women will exasperate many, but the fact than an overall 83 per cent of solicitors are male and that the vast majority of firms do not have any women solicitors at all will surely astonish almost everybody.

Misunderstood

CLARITY, the lawyers' group that campaigns for the profession to use plain English, has now obtained evidence – if it were needed – to show the extent of misunderstanding of legal jargon.

A survey published in the current *New Law Journal* shows that, for instance, of 77 clients who answered a questionnaire about a legal letter, only 28 were fully confident they understood it, not one had a clear grasp of the proposals put forward and many thought the phrase "without prejudice", with which the letter was headed, meant the solicitor was impartial. Others thought that it meant an agreement would not be binding. Solicitors might do well to abandon the phrase altogether.

Loss of privilege

CONTROVERSY has blown up in Australia over what has been regarded by lawyers as a threat to the age-old common-law right of privilege for communication between lawyers and their clients.

The trouble has arisen in a case involving a failed merchant bank, the Spedley Group. Last month the High Court of Australia ruled, on public interest grounds, that the bank's former head was not entitled to claim legal professional privilege for documents requested by the Australian Securities Commission during its special investigation into the bank.

Although the decision of an Australian High Court would have little or no weight in Britain, an analagous situation could arise here. The tension between the necessity to crack down on corporate and financial fraud and misdealing and the desirability of protecting the right to frank and confidential advice given by lawyers to clients is becoming a persistent headache for regulators and legislators the world over.

Sydney lawyers have called for urgent amendments to the legislation on which the decision was based. They claim that the full implications have not been realised.

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Robin Suharto

ROBIN HOOD's unmistakable style of administering justice may be dominating cinema screens in Britain, but in Indonesia it appears to have penetrated to the very heart of law and politics. The president, General Suharto, has told Indonesian businesses that if they do not transfer some of their shares to the nation's cooperatives, the law will force them to do it.



Business threat: Suharto

General Suharto has been pressing companies to distribute up to 25 per cent of their shares since early 1990 and he repeated his stand last week. Barely 1 per cent of shares have been distributed, although under a proposed scheme companies would get their money back through withholding dividend payments.

Economists have dismissed the proposal as unworkable. The president is reported as saying: "We do not want to commit robbery, but if we wanted to, it would be easy."

Judgment days

OCTOBER presents a golden opportunity for Lloyd's names to heckle one of the architects of their recent troubles. The Californian Judge Ira Brown, who delivered one of the leading judgments in the asbestosis risk cases in the United States, is chairing some discussion groups in London in October. The seminars, presented by Lloyd's of London Press in association with Turner Kenneth Brown and Thelen Marrin Johnson & Bridges, a Californian firm, will focus on the background to the litigations and Judge Brown's decisions.

Lloyd's names have had to pay the huge bill for successful asbestos claims made in the US. Unfortunately, Judge Brown is now retired, so there is no merit in persuading him to change his mind.

Ciao, Gadaffi

LIBYA's President Mu'ammar Gadaffi has discovered in the Italian statute book that a law dating back to the Italian colonisation of Libya has given his people the same rights as Italians. Consequently, he has announced, in an interview on Italian television, his intention to stand for the presidency of the Italian republic.

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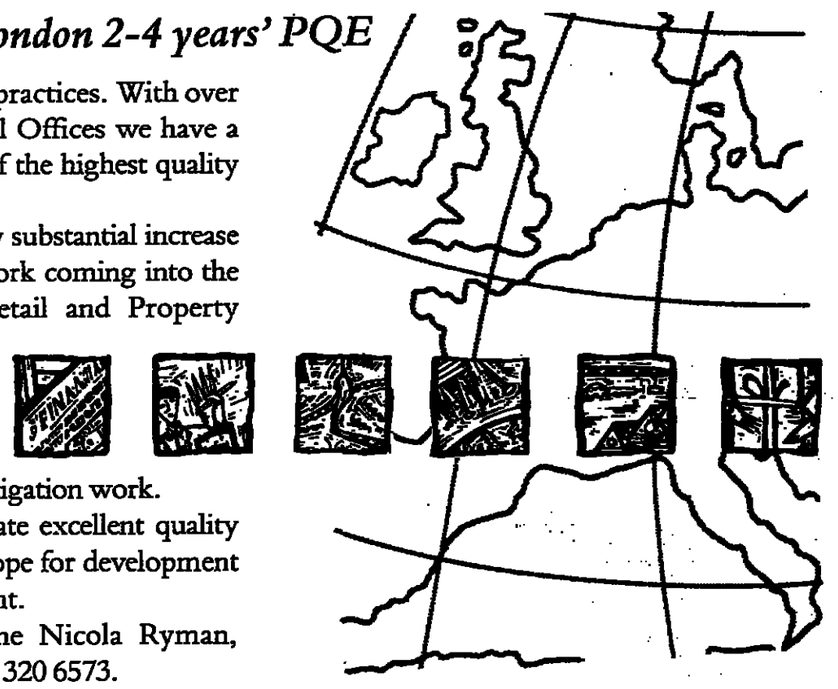
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The lawyers' who's who changes tack

A new approach by a law directory is aimed at helping clients pick the perfect firm. Edward Fennell looks at how well it works

Annual business directories can quickly become stale and repetitious. Not so *The Legal 500*, the lawyers' trade bible, available from next week. Until now the book has been seen as a helpful source of information and comment, particularly for lawyers. For job-seekers, *The Legal 500* was a good place to start.

Now its author, John Pritchard, has given the publication a more specific purpose. The new edition is described as being "a client's guide to law firms" and the introduction comments that "if you use lawyers (and law firms) in the course of your business, then you will find that *The Legal 500* can help you choose the right lawyer".

The change in emphasis, Mr Prichard says, is because the professional climate has altered. Four years ago the hunt was on for staff. Now the priority is to catch clients.

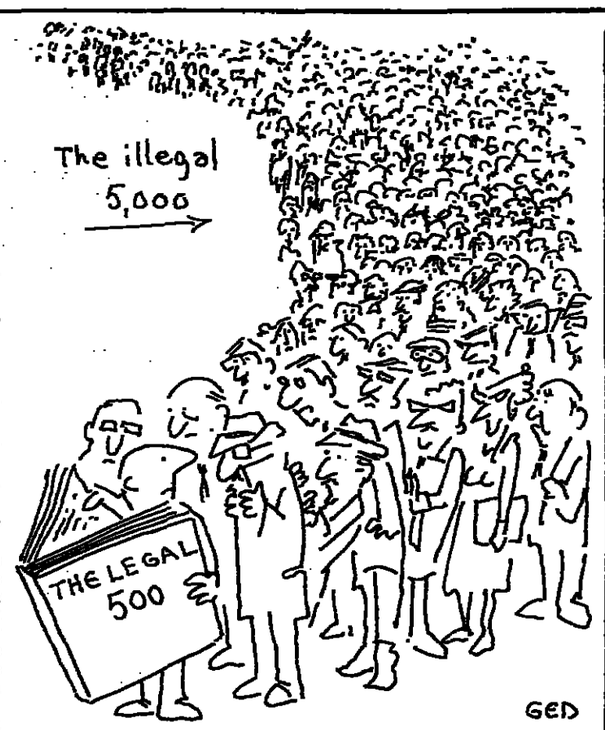
Does the book help clients find the right firm? There are the usual sound observations in the introduction; however, the bulk of the book consists mostly of details and descriptions given by the firms themselves. The format of these has not significantly progressed since the publication was launched in the Eighties and many of the entries are still self-serving.

Selecting a law firm on the basis of the information provided by the A-Z directory would be like trying to choose baked beans from a stack of tins bearing identical labels. For *The Legal 500* to become a guide for buyers of legal services, more candour and detail is needed from the firms.

In practice, therefore, what most users will study is the legal tables and Mr Pritchard's introductory comments. These are regarded seriously by the profession because endorsement from *The Legal 500* is valuable for a firm's morale and image.

Firms may not be so keen to appear in the new staff-reductions league table. Some years ago, it was unthinkable that any law firm could contract in size, but because of recession, big firms are laying off staff in big numbers. Glaisyers of Birmingham heads the pack, having laid off 56 per cent of its staff over the past year. Even a firm such as Bevan Ashford of Bristol is said to have cut staff by almost 20 per cent.

In London, Heald Nickinson has cut its staff by half and among the big names D.J. Freeman is said to have lost 15 per cent and Theodore Goddard 9 per cent. The accuracy of some of these figures is, however, questionable. Theodore Goddard, for example, maintains that its numbers have actually grown (by 1 per cent) and that rogue figures have crept in because of the various ways in which size may be measured.



In terms of the London "quality" league, Slaughter & May and Linklaters & Paines share the number one spot, although they are by no means the biggest firms. Clifford Chance, Freshfields and Ashurst Morris Crisp come close behind.

Significantly, Lovell White Durrant continues to lack status. Third in numbers, it is still rated outside the top ten on overall quality.

Perhaps even more important for the new target audience of clients is that Mr Pritchard has included, for the first time, recommendations on corporate crime. The proliferation of large-scale fraud has made this a burgeoning field for lawyers. Corporate fraud is, however, an area best left to specialist practices, Mr Pritchard says, and he goes on to recommend Kingsley Napley, Peters & Peters, Burton Copeland, Simons Muirhead & Burton, and Stephenson Harwood as the firms executives should phone when they find themselves in the dock.

No doubt complimentary copies are being distributed by Mr Pritchard, who is a shrewd marketing man, to all branches of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

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How a judge made a difficult decision

At what stage is a foetus protected by the law?

THE consultant radiologist defendant in the case of Lorna Rance, and the judge, deserve better treatment than they received from Dr Michael Arnheim in his recent article attacking the decision ("Why judges should not play doctors", *The Times*, July 16).

Mrs Rance complained that the defendants should have taken steps to recall her and to refer her to a specialist scanning unit after a radiologist had noted a query in respect of the foetal spine. The query was made after the plaintiff was seen on June 9, 1983, when she was believed to be 25 and a half weeks pregnant. Subsequently her child was born with spina bifida.

The consensus of the three specialists called by the plaintiff was that on June 9 the gestational age was actually 26 weeks and two days plus or minus five days, not 25½ weeks, as Dr Arnheim says. The judge concluded that, after a re-scan at a specialist centre and appropriate counselling, a termination could have been undertaken five or six days later, not one and a half weeks, as Dr Arnheim says. The mean gestational age would then have been 27 weeks and a day. The judge did not say the one day made all the difference.

With modern resuscitation techniques, babies of 23 weeks' gestation can survive independently. Although a spina bifida child might suffer long-term complications, there was no evidence before the judge to suggest that, if born at about 27 weeks, Mrs Rance's child would not have been alive.

The Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929 prohibits any wilful act causing the death of a child "capable of being born alive". When the act was passed, a child was unlikely to survive if born earlier in pregnancy than 28 weeks, so the act included a presumption that a child was viable if the pregnancy had advanced beyond the 28th week.

Unfortunately, Dr Arnheim seems to have wrongly assumed that the act did not apply to a child born before the end of the 28th week. The judge concluded that "capable of being born alive" meant what it said, and described that state of development at which a child when born was capable of sustaining life, without any connection with its mother.

There was little doubt that at 27 weeks the child was viable in this sense, so that a termination would have amounted to a criminal offence. The judge, applying basic principles of English law, determined that the plaintiff was not entitled to recover compensation for the loss of the opportunity of participating in a serious crime. He also found the radiologist had not been negligent, a finding that seems to have escaped Dr Arnheim. So the plaintiff's case fell at the first fence.

This case determined that once a foetus had reached a point of development at which the womb was the safest place for it to be, rather than the only place it could survive, it enjoyed some protection from the law.

In practical terms it meant that a pregnancy could be terminated after the 24th week only if the foetus was not viable. Subsequently, Parliament has modified the law and by S37(1)(d) of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990, it has become permissible to terminate a pregnancy at any stage if there is a substantial risk that, if the child was born, it would be seriously handicapped. So if a child is diagnosed as suffering from spina bifida or Down's syndrome, even in the 39th week, it has become legally possible to terminate the life by injection. But, if it were born a week prematurely it would be murder to administer the same drug to the same child.

PHILIP NAUGHTON, QC

● *The author is a practising barrister*

Why judges should not play doctors

A mother's claim for compensation after her child was born disabled should have been allowed, Dr Michael Arnheim argues



Dr Michael Arnheim's article in *The Times* on July 16

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More surprising were the figures showing the cost of using large firms (over 20 partners in London, 11 partners in the provinces) compared with small or medium-sized firms. I had always assumed that using a large firm costs more – and indeed it does. However, the difference is not as great as one might expect. In London, the average charge for a partner in a large firm is £190 an hour; in a small firm, £170 an hour. For an Assistant Solicitor: £115 in the large firm; £110 in the small. Outside London, the large firm charges an average £100 for a partner compared with £85 by the small firm; and £75 for an Assistant Solicitor compared with £65. Articled Clerks are charged at similar rates whatever the firm's size.

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Solicitors cannot claim expert's costs

Regina v Legal Aid Board, Ex parte Bruce

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Farquharson

[Judgment July 11]

Costs incurred by solicitors in obtaining advice on questions of English law relating to welfare entitlement from an expert who was neither a solicitor nor a barrister, nor employed in the office of or under the supervision of a solicitor, could not be charged as a disbursement under the Green Form scheme operated by the Legal Aid Board.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing the board's appeal from Mr Justice Hutchison (*The Times* February 21, 1991) who, granting Mrs Patricia Bruce's application for judicial review of the board's decision that her fees for providing welfare benefit reports to solicitors should not be paid as disbursements under Part 3 of the Legal Aid Act 1988, had held that such payments were lawful under the scheme.

Mr Duncan Matheson, QC, for the board; Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Anthony Bradley for Mrs Bruce

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the rules and regulations governing entitlement to welfare benefits were necessarily numerous, highly complex and subject to frequent variation. Yet those whom they were designed to benefit were among the least able to unravel their mysteries with the result that the take up of benefits fell woefully short of what it should be.

Mrs Bruce, an acknowledged expert in welfare law was not an admitted solicitor. Taking early retirement from a firm of solicitors where she was head of the welfare law department, she had established her own business, Analysis, to tackle the problem. Her difficulty was funding, but since entitlement to benefit was regulated by law, the most obvious source was the board.

In the absence of any direction by the Lord Chancellor under section 4(4) contained in Part II of the Legal Aid Act 1988, she had to look to the existing Green Form scheme brought into existence, not under Part II, but under Part III.

Advice and assistance given under Part III, as contrasted with Part II, was only to be provided by persons who were barristers or solicitors: see section 2(6). "Advice" was defined as "oral or written advice on the *application of English law* to the particular circumstances . . ." Mrs Bruce's valuable service was within that definition, but since she was neither a solicitor *nor a barrister* the board had no power to remunerate her under the scheme.

His Lordship referred to the way she had attempted to meet that problem by organising the service provided by Analysis so that information was given, not directly to the clients seeking benefit, but to solicitors who were then able to advise them. Payment for her service might therefore, she claimed, be made under the scheme.

His Lordship made no secret of his conviction on the available evidence that the work of Analysis was desirable in the public interest although neither Mr Justice Hutchison nor the Court of Appeal was called on to decide that issue.

The issue was a narrow one, namely whether such payment was properly to be regarded as disbursements under section 10(3)(a) of the Act for the purposes of the Green Form scheme.

The court was concerned with reports by a body of persons who were neither barristers nor solicitors which recorded (a) the extent to which the client was currently receiving welfare benefits, the information being derived from a questionnaire, and sometimes from enquiries of the welfare authorities, (b) any misunderstanding of, or dispute as to the client's circumstances on the part of the welfare authorities of which Analysis was aware, (c) Analysis's opinion as to whether as a matter of law, derived from the rules and regulations, as applied to the particular facts the client was entitled to additional benefits and (d) Analysis's advice as to how such entitlement was best pursued.

Was a solicitor therefore entitled to pick Analysis's brains on questions of English law and charge the costs as a disbursement? Reluctantly, his Lordship came to the conclusion that a solicitor was not.

Solicitors, like barristers and judges, were not expected to carry a knowledge of all the law in their heads. They had to consider rules, regulations, textbooks and authorities or get others to undertake research for them. But knowledge of the law, however acquired or recalled, was their stock in trade.

In so far as expense was involved in adding to or replenishing that stock in trade, it was an overhead expense and not something which could be charged to the client or the board as a disbursement.

With regret, his Lordship would allow the appeal. His regrets would have been greatly diminished if he could have been sure that the Lord Chancellor was in a position to activate the board's powers under Part II of the Act to such a degree as would be necessary to enable the board to employ Analysis.

Lord Justice Staughton delivered a judgment concurring in the result and Lord Justice Farquharson agreed with both judgments.

Solicitors: Collyer-Bristow; J. S. Sierzant and Co, Chorley.

Community service order length

Regina v Porter

In determining what length of community service order to impose the court was not restricted to considering anything other than the nature of the offence for which the order was imposed.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Beldam, Mr Justice Rougier and Mr Justice Buckley) so stated on July 19 in dismissing an appeal by Leslie Jason Porter, aged 19, against a total sentence of 200 hours community service imposed for burglary at Stoke-on-Trent Crown Court (Mr Recorder Mitting, QC) on December 21, 1990.

MR JUSTICE ROUGIER said that the court did not consider that the case of *R v Lawrence* ((1982) 4 Cr App R (S) 69) was authority for the proposition that there was a rule of practice that where community service was used as punishment in its own right, rather than as an alternative to custody, it should be short.

In the view of the court that case was saying that if community service was to be used as an alternative to prison the number of hours should not be small. The converse by no means followed and in any event that case did not lay down any hard-and-fast rule.

The fact that this appellant did not qualify for custody, on the ground of his age, did not mean that community service of 200 hours was too long since the burglaries were serious.

Divorce analogy in provision claim

Moody v Stevenson

Before Lord Justice Mustill and Mr Justice Waite

[Judgment July 12]

Hearing a claim by a surviving spouse for financial provision out of a deceased's estate, the judge should decide the matter by asking himself "What would a family judge have ordered for this couple if divorce instead of death had divided them?"

The Court of Apppeal, laying down guidelines for the application of sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975, so held in allowing an appeal by a widower aged 81, Mr Sidney Moody, from the refusal by Judge Kellock in Worksop County Court on January 24, 1991 of his claim to be entitled to continue in occupation of his deceased wife's house. The court ordered a settlement of the property on such terms as would enable Mr Moody to live in the house for so long as he was willing and able.

Miss Bryony Clark for Mr Moody; Mr R. Clive Smith for Mrs Mary Stevenson, the legatee of the testatrix's estate.

LORD JUSTICE MUSTILL, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that in 1971 Mr Moody, then 61, married the testatrix, aged 66 and lived with her in her house in Retford. In 1984 the testatrix moved to a nursing home and Mr Moody continued living in the house, having no further contact with her.

The testatrix died in 1988, her will appointing her step-daughter, Mrs Stevenson, legatee of her entire estate. The will included a declaration that there would be no provision for Mr Moody as he had adequate resources of his own.

Thereafter Mrs Stevenson took out a summons for possession of the property against Mr Moody who responded by taking out his application for relief under section 1 of the 1975 Act.

Legislative incursion into the freedom of testamentary disposition, cherished for many years, began with the Inheritance (Family Provision) Act 1938.

The 1975 Act effected radical change, placing the claim of a surviving spouse on a new footing as a claim for "reasonable financial provision".

It enjoined a two-stage approach: first the court had to ask whether the dispositions of the deceased's estate failed to make reasonable provision for the spouse having regard to all the matters listed in section 3(1) and if the answer was "yes" then the court had to decide in its discretion whether and to what extent and in what manner financial provision should be made for the spouse.

Further, the court was required to have regard to the provision which the spouse might reasonably have expected to receive if on the day of the death the marriage had been terminated by divorce.

Notwithstanding the mental gymnastics which that last requirement might impose, it was the court's duty to do its best to see that that objective was fulfilled whenever it was feasible to do so.

The logical starting point would be an appraisal of the surviving spouse's notional entitlement under sections 25 and 25A (as substituted by section 3 of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984) of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, assuming that there had been a decree of divorce at the date of death and treating the assets in the deceased's estate as if they had been matrimonial assets valued as at the date of the hearing.

The 1975 Act, stripped down to its barest terms, amounted to a direction to the judge to ask: "What would a family judge have ordered for this couple if divorce instead of death had divided them: what is the effect of any other section 3 factors and what am I to make of the reasonableness, viewed objectively, of the dispositions made by the will and/or intestacy of the deceased?"

If the judge found those dispositions unreasonable he would go on to ask himself what a reasonable provision would be.

In the circumstances of the instant case a family judge would be most unlikely to refuse Mr Moody relief altogether. The most probable outcome would be a direction settling the property on Mr Moody on terms which would give him the right of occupation for so long as he was able and willing to exercise it.

It appeared that Judge Kellock, having been referred to *In re Styler* ([1942] Ch 387), concluded that the exclusion of Mr Moody from any benefit under the testatrix's will was not unreasonable and that he was thus debarred from substituting his own view of what would have constituted reasonable provision. He had fallen into error, adopting a misdirected approach.

While it might be technically correct, as suggested in *In re Coventry dec'd* ([1980] Ch 461) that cases decided under the 1938 Act represented a continuing body of case law affording guidance to the exercise of the court's powers under the 1975 Act, the earlier authorities should be approached with caution.

Certainly *In re Styler* should now be treated as giving rise to no principle of law relevant to the jurisdiction under the 1975 Act. Observations made in that case had become potentially misleading and should no longer be cited.

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Democracy gets a vote of approval

Co-operatives are a hit with younger workers because they have a stake in the business, reports Derek Morgan

Even in hard times, group enterprise con tinues to flower. Last year 119 new co-operatives registered with the Industrial Common Ownership Movement (Icom), the national federation of worker co-operatives.

Neil Skinner, the membership services administrator at Icom, says: "Co-ops tend to be a little more recession-proof. Workers have that extra commitment because they all have a stake in the business."

There are about 150 worker co-operatives in Britain and about 100 local co-op development agencies. Mr Skinner believes the business quality of surviving co-ops is improving. "It is better concentrating energy on perhaps fewer but better organised and more viable co-operatives."

There are two main differences between worker co-operatives and conventional businesses: ownership and control. All co-operative members own the business, although some co-ops have non-member employees. Policy and strategic management decisions are taken on a one person, one vote basis, or by consensus. Day to day decision-making is delegated to individuals.

The Nottinghamshire Co-operative Development Agency (CDA) has helped a range of co-op enterprises, including acting, computing, bookselling, property, photography and translation. Paul Grassick, the CDA finance officer, is a graduate in commerce with extensive experience in retailing. "Over the past ten years," he says, "the movement has become more commercially realistic.

"A lot of people who got into co-ops believed that because there was not a boss you could do what you liked. This kind of individualism is the very opposite of the co-operative ideal."

The reward of co-operation is "the sharing of achievement", he says. "But it is actually harder work in a co-op; you have to look at what you can give rather than what you can get."

Most co-ops have only half a dozen members, although Equity Shoes of Leicester, Britain's oldest surviving co-op, employs more than 200 people, and Suma, a natural food wholesaler in Halifax, Yorkshire, has 50.

Many co-ops believe in job rotation and skill sharing, and Suma's export manager is also a heavy goods vehicle driver. Gill Hilton, Suma's marketing manager, says it takes on people for a trial period. After six months they can be proposed for membership, and the whole co-op votes.

Suma's workforce is organised in three sectors, which discuss policy matters and send a representative to a central meeting and to a personnel committee. Each member has one share and one vote but, in practice, expertise and personality are often large factors in decision-making.

Career structure in this field is difficult to define. Jane Avery is a development worker with responsibility for publicity at the Nottinghamshire CDA. She began as a management trainee with a retail co-op society and moved into training with Derbyshire CDA before taking her present job, in which she promotes initiatives to encourage people into democratic work structures.

One career path might be to begin with a co-op as a probationary worker. Mr Grassick says there are a number of large co-ops where wage levels are reasonable. But he warns: "If your sole motivation is to make money, you can forget co-ops." With co-op work experience under your belt, you could move into training with a local authority development unit, earning about £15,000 a year.

If you have an academic background, you might aim for a post in a co-operative studies department; the Open University has a research unit, and the Co-operative College runs a management training centre at Stanford Hall, near Loughborough, Leicestershire.

Like other organisations in the alternative jobs field — charities, campaign groups and green associations — co-ops are looking increasingly for professional skills in marketing, finance and for entrepreneurial flair.

Mr Grassick says: "Co-ops are recruiting people for specific jobs, rather than those who are 'into' the idea of democratic working. It is hard work. Do not delude yourself that it is an easy option."

Growth periods for co-ops have been directly linked with high levels of unemployment, and with jobless figures rising, more young entrepreneurs may be seeking to pool their talents and resources in a shared venture.

For those who want to start a co-op, CDAs can provide setting-up grants and can lend money from their newly developed loan funds. Co-op businesses may qualify for the Enterprise Allowance Scheme. CDAs also run training courses for potential co-operators. CDAs may also be able to fund co-op workers on external courses.

● *Further information: Industrial Common Ownership Movement (Icom), Vassilli House, 20 Central Road, Leeds LS1 6DE (0532 467138); Leicestershire Co-operative Development Agency (CDA), 30 New Walk, Leicester LE1 6TF; Nottinghamshire Co-operative Development Agency, Dunkirk Road, Dunkirk, Nottingham NG7 2PH (0602 705700).*

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Building a better life: Steve Banks (left), Robert Pocock and Beth Gaylard of Tangent on site

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Robert Pocock, Steve Banks and Beth Gaylard are three members of Tangent. Mr Pocock and Mr Banks are architects and Ms Gaylard looks after the administrative side. They registered as a co-op with ICOM in 1988 and received a setting-up grant of £500 from Leicestershire CDA.

"We make decisions as a group," says Mr Pocock, "then we go ahead and support one another. "In an ordinary business, the boss makes the decision and the others have to lump it."

He has a BA and diploma in architecture and worked in a conventional practice but did not feel comfortable. Later he worked for a community architect and found the projects satisfying.

Mr Banks worked in a building co-operative after qualifying as an architect and then joined Tangent.

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BASEBALL

Martinez pitches a perfect game

By ROBERT KIRLEY

DENNIS Martinez, of the Montreal Expos, became the twelfth man in history to pitch a perfect game in the regular season when he beat the Dodgers 2-0 in Los Angeles on Sunday. In a perfect game, no batter reaches base. Despite an aching leg, Martinez, a right-hander, threw the first "perfecto" since 1988.

He reached a full count, three balls and two strikes, with three batters. Aged 36, the native of Nicaragua is a recovered alcoholic who has not had a drink in seven years. The 13-year veteran has developed into one of the finest pitchers. "I want people to take myself as an example," he said. "It's never too late for anybody."

Two days earlier, Martinez's team colleague, Mark Gardner, had pitched a no-hitter for nine innings but lost 1-0 when the Dodgers scored in the tenth.

Scott Erickson, of the Minnesota Twins, in his first full season in the major leagues, became the first 14-game winner in a 9-3 decision over the Detroit Tigers. Erickson, aged 23, has lost three times.

The umpire, Joe West, ejected Rob Dibble, of the Cincinnati Reds, from a game, saying the all-star relief pitcher tried to hurt Doug Dascenzo, of the Chicago Cubs, who won 8-5. Dascenzo bunted to score Rick Wilkins from third. After Dibble fielded the ball, he stung Dascenzo on the leg with a hard throw. West said Dibble "intentionally went out of his way to injure a player who had outsmarted him".

Dibble said the ball slipped. He was playing in his first game after serving a suspension for throwing at a batter. In May he fired a ball 400 feet into the centrefield stand and struck a woman on the arm.

Pete Rose, the former Cincinnati player and manager, has finished the community service that completed his sentence for cheating on his taxes. He had served time at a prison camp. The all-time hits leader remains banned from the sport for gambling.

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David Hands examines the lessons of an enlightening tour to Australia and Fiji

England's failings laid bare

ENGLAND'S shortcomings, successfully concealed at home by their experienced forwards, have been laid bare on their tour of Australia and Fiji which ended yesterday when the party landed in Heathrow. Now there are two months in which to effect improvements before they meet New Zealand in the opening game of the World Cup.

There will be no great change in personnel: this was the strongest, best-prepared party to leave England for an overseas tour. Despite that it returned with the mediocre record of won three, lost four, that latter quartet of games including the worst defeat ever suffered against Australia, by 40-15.

Time and the All Blacks may show whether Australia last Saturday enjoyed one of those days when everything they touched turned to green and gold or whether it was a level of performance beyond anything the northern hemisphere can offer and upon which, as Bob Dwyer, their coach, insisted they can and must improve. But improve they will; can England?

Given the average age of the forwards (30 as opposed to Australia's 25) it seems unlikely. But that pack (assuming the fitness in the autumn of Wade Dooley) remains competitive, capable of a break-even share of possession for a back division which began to rediscover itself in Australia. In the process of rediscovery, however, they found they had outrun their support and if best use is to be made of the talents of Guscott, Carling and company in the autumn, they must have a back row flier.

When the management has had time to debate the pros and cons of the tour — before the announcement in a month's time of their World Cup squad of 26 — they will wonder whether an Andy Robinson or a Neil Back would have served them better than Peter Winterbottom was able; on relative tour form Gary Rees, the Nottingham flanker, would have been a better selection against Australia and it was significant that Winterbottom regained his place on the basis of the midweek game against the Emerging Australians which was structured round the driving play of back row and scrum half — that is, he did not need to cover the field in the way England's game plan against Australia demanded.

Geoff Cooke, a team manager whose loyalty to his players is an article of faith, will have to chew on that particular bullet. He remains insistent, and I believe he is right, that England had to put their honours on the line this summer or run the risk of believing that their garden was rosy going into the World Cup — for which Cooke's stated minimum target is a semi-final place.

"I like to think we have made some progress but as a country we have a long way to go," he said. "We have had to recognise differences of style in Australia which have forced us to adapt. I still don't think we are as good as we need to be but I think we are getting there. The players are much more analytical and have a better understanding of what is going on than I recall from my first tour here, in 1988, when I was still wet behind the ears and discovering what international rugby is all about."



Happy returns: Guscott (left) and Hill seem glad to be back at Heathrow yesterday

Cooke warned, though, that different law interpretations in the southern hemisphere could accelerate change in traditional areas of the game: "If they get their way about the lineout or the scrum feed, we will have to start looking, for instance, at a different kind of front-row forward.

"We will be wasting our time with smaller hookers and we might have to look at our props. Someone like Victor Ubogu would fit the mould of the modern forward. We can't have lumberers in the front five."

Prop forward is the area of most concern, but Cooke is sanguine that, at the end of next season, there will not be retirements on a grand scale: "We have proved we can go into an international, and win it, without Ackford and Dooley. The emergence of Martin Bayfield has been a major plus and Nigel Redman has played equally well.

"We may lose Rory Underwood in a season or so but the centres are full of running, Rob Andrew's good for another World Cup if he wants it, so is Richard Hill. There is no immediate panic in the back row." Nonetheless England's B tour to New Zealand next summer will be important and Cooke, who has never toured there, regards that as an essential part of his rugby education — assuming he is reappointed at the end of next season.

He and the rest of the management team will provide continuity when Roger Uttley retires as coach after the World Cup; a leading candidate as his successor is Dick Best, assistant coach on this tour and who did not always appear to be best employed, though as part of the consultative process he may have learned much.

Two afterthoughts: the tour left Australia's administration and marketing agents in high spirits. They have an excellent product with which to popularise the game, a dual clash with the co-favourites for the World Cup to sustain interest, then the World Cup itself. As a columnist in *The Australian* newspaper said last week: It's good to be an Aussie just now.

The second point is to underline the place of the five nations' championship in world events: England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, at differing levels in Australia, North America and Namibia, have met with very limited success during the close season.

In or out of season, their sights must be raised, otherwise it will still be good to be, well, an Australasian, when the World Cup final is played in November.

TOUR DETAILS

Playing record

Lost to New South Wales, 19-21
Beat Victoria President's XV, 26-9
Lost to Queensland, 14-20
Lost to Fiji B, 13-27
Beat Fiji, 28-12
Beat Emerging Australians, 36-3
Lost to Australia, 15-40.
Played 7, Won 3, Lost 4, For 151 Against 132.

Appearances and scorers

Five games: Guscott (one as replacement), 2 tries, 8pts; Skinner (two as replacement), 1 try, 4pts; Teague, 1 try, 4pts.

Four games: Hodgkinson (one as replacement), 7 cons, 1 pen, 17pts; Webb, 1 try, 5 cons, 9 pens, 41pts; Underwood, 2 tries, 8pts; Oti, 1 try, 4pts; Andrew, 1 try, 2 dropped goals, 10pts; Hill, 1 try, 4pts; Probyn, 1 try, 4pts; Richards, 1 try, 4pts; Carling, Leonard, Moore, Ackford, Redman, Bayfield, Winterbottom.

Three games: Heslop, 2 tries, 8pts; Hopley, 2 tries, 8pts; Hunter, 2 tries, 8pts; Morris, 2 tries, 8pts; Pears, 1 try, 1 dropped goal, 7pts; Rees, 1 try, 4pts; Halliday, Rendall, Pearce, Olver.

Two games: Dooley, Hall.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

American Bowl is a victim of NFL's success

By ROBERT KIRLEY

HAS the National Football League (NFL) become a victim of its renowned marketing brilliance? When the Buffalo Bills beat the Philadelphia Eagles 17-13 on Sunday in the sixth American Bowl at Wembley, the announced attendance was 50,474, 12,632 fewer than last year and 32,225 fewer than the inaugural game in 1986.

Many observers believe the annual pre-season exhibition is fading. Perhaps, though the recession has doubtless played its part. Tickets that range from £15 to £25 — an Olympic Gallery seat cost £35 — do not make for a spontaneous family outing. Supporters know that the Bills and the Eagles are leading clubs, so nobody stayed away because the fixture lacked glamour, as may have been the case last year when ho-hum New Orleans were on offer.

The NFL has unintentionally let air seep out of the American Bowl with its World League of American Football (WLAF). The flagship London Monarchs blazed though a ten-game schedule with one defeat and handily beat Barcelona in the World Bowl at Wembley on June 9.

At 61,108, the attendance was 10,634 better than that of the American Bowl. This may be put less invidiously: The NFL has done splendidly in London in the past seven weeks because its products, the Monarchs and the big boys, drew nearly 112,000 customers to Wembley in two showcase games.

Another indicator favours the NFL's position in Britain. During the last year, retail clothing sales have sagged generally. NFL Properties Inc says its goods — T-shirts, caps, replica jerseys and so on — have continued to move briskly.

The NFL will soon review its policy on overseas exhibitions. Tokyo and Berlin will host games on Saturday. If the WLAF prospers — that is, if it finds sponsors to assume the multi-million-dollar American television contract that expires after next season — the American Bowl series might be discontinued. If the WLAF dies, the American Bowl would survive as the NFL's missionary.

On Sunday, 133 players took part. After the customarily swift substitution of the rich-and-famous, such as Randall Cunningham, the Philadelphia quarterback, the clubs played an entertaining game that was virtually free of penalties — a rarity in pre-season matches.

Philadelphia	7	3	3	0	—	13
Buffalo	0	10	7	0	—	17

SCORING: Phil: K Byars, 3yd pass from R Cunningham (R Razek kick); Buf: K Davis, 3yd run (S Norwood kick); Norwood, 30yd FG; Phil: Razek, 37yd field goal; Razek, 37yd field goal; Buf: A Edwards, 15yd pass from G Gilbert (S Nittmo kick).

SQUASH RACKETS

Cairns to play Khan

MARK Cairns, of Oxfordshire, was the only British player to survive the qualifying rounds to reach today's main draw of the world open championship in Adelaide (Colin McQuillan writes). His reward is a tie with the defending champion, Jansher Khan, of Pakistan.

Cairns beat David White, of Australia, 15-2, 15-9, 15-6 yesterday and was one of eight qualifiers who waited as their names went into the hat for the opening round. He could hardly believe it when he was drawn first to play Khan, the No. 1 seed, who is chasing his third successive world title.

"It's unbelievable," Cairns said. "It was an 8-1 shot and I got him. I have come all this way, think I've done very well — and this happens."

Tim Garner, of Surrey, England's other qualifying finalist, lost 11-15, 15-10, 15-9, 15-10 to Scott Spillane, the world No. 144, who today meets the world junior champion, Simon Parke, from Yorkshire.

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A-M N Abachchi (UMDS); R T Abbott (RFH); S Abdeen (Imp Coll (St M)); J C Ablett (RFH); R S Ahmad (CCW); S Ahmed (UCL); S Ahmed (UCL); A G Akhurst (CCW); T A Alder (CCW); S Alexander (UMDS); S Ali (UMDS); T W B Allen (UMDS); R L Allen (UMDS); S M Allen (UCL); L E Attoppo (KCL); J V Allen (KCL); W J Ames (UMDS); C Anderson (St Bart's); J E Anderson (UCL); S T B Anderson (UCL); M J D Andrews (UCL); T C Andrews (UCL); H V Angwin (UCL); H N R Ansari (CCW); A J Anwar (St G); S Anwar (CCW); C D Arden (CCW); P R Arlett (UCL); M Ashcroft (CCW); H M Ashworth (UCL); I Asif (UCL); S A Attallah (CCW); D C Atkinson (UCL); M J Aziz (UCL); C J Baggott (RFH); D J D Bailey (UCL); N M Bailey (St Bart's); J P Baker (St G); M J Baker (St G); S Bakhai (St G); C Ball (St M); N R Balcombe (St G); K Baraliad (UMDS); V E Barber (CCW); J Barnes (St Bart's); N Barnes (LH); M H Barrie (UMDS); E J Barry (UCL); H Barsey (CCW); R K Bassi (St Bart's); K L Bateman (Imp Coll (St M)); M A Bayley (UMDS); R A Beversbrook (St G); H E Beyzenbush (UMDS); P M Bhatia (RFH); P A Beale (CCW); J W Bealey (UMDS); S Peel (St Bart's); S S Bedi (UCL); K D Bennett (St G); A M Bendor (St G); P C Bentley (St Bart's); K Bennetts (UMDS); P J Bentley (St G); J Berrisford (CCW); M G Berry (UCL); K Bethersden (St G); A J Bell (Imp Coll (St M)); M L Bella (UCL); A Bhatia (LH); F Bhatti (UCL); S Bhatti (RFH); J Bielin (UCL); C J Bird (St G); T Barwas (UMDS); S Blight (RFH); S K Bodhani (St G); J Bedford (St G); M E D South (St G); A J Boswell (UCL); D T Bovill (CCW); J S Bowes (UMDS); D H Boys (RFH); C H Bracey (Imp Coll (St M)); M Brand (UMDS); N R E Brand (St Bart's); M D Brazier (LH); A Brazinski (St G); C P Brown (UCL); F D Brennan (UMDS); S T Brown (St Bart's); A L Brown (CCW); Brickwilly (UCL); K H Bridi (UCL); J C Brooker (UMDS); R C M Brown (LH); A H Brownlow (UCL); P M Bryant (UCL); K A Buckley (St Bart's); K S Buck (UCL); A A Bu (St G); J Bullock (LH); N R Bunce (St Bart's); J P Burch (LH); S Burcombe (LH); A J Burrell (LH); C A Busch (UMDS); P G Bustard (St G); J R Buxton (UMDS); H J Byrom (LH); F Cadman (Imp Coll (St M)); A N Caddick (UCL); S E Caine (RFH); J W N C Cairn (LH); J D F Calder (LH); D J Cameron (St Bart's); L A Cammidge (UMDS); C J Campbell (St Bart's); L B Cannon (UCL); A Caplan (Imp Coll (St M)); D M Carnell (RFH); K A Carpenter (Imp Coll (St M)); H F Carr (CCW); R J Carr (St G); H M Carter (LH); M A Cass (UCL); A H Castello-Cortes (UCL); S Chakrabarti (CCW); N M Chamberlain (UCL); J C Champion (UCL); P J Chan (St Bart's); C Chang (RFH); S Chaudhuri (UMDS); R S Cheetham (Imp Coll (St M)); A J Chesworth (St G); N A Chivers (CCW); L J Chisholm (St Bart's); D C Chiu (Imp Coll (St M)); H Choi (CCW); D M A Choi (St Bart's); W H Choi (St G); P S Chopra (UCL); J S Christie Brown (CCW); S M Chua (CCW); M Churchill (St G); S H Clark (UMDS); G Clasun (CCW); S C Clare (RFH); S Clarke (Imp Coll (St M)); H M Clayton (UCL); J G Coates (LH); M Cohen (UCL); P J Cockburn (UCL); D J Coe (Imp Coll (St M)); P J Coe (UMDS); C Coleman (St Bart's); J Collins (St G); T Compton (St G); R Cooper (UCL); G L Constantinides (UMDS); A Cooney (St G); M K Cooper (Imp Coll (St M)); D M Copping (Imp Coll (St M)); J G M Cornwall (LH); J Cotton (UCL); J Cotterell (St G); R Craig (CCW); L A Cresswell (LH); S N Critchlow (UCL); J A Cross (LH); G S Cuff (UMDS); N C Cuff (UMDS); N Cula (Imp Coll (St M)); G N Curran (UCL); M D Curtis (RFH); N J Curtis (UCL); A Curtis (UMDS); M S Cyrek (UMDS); S C J Daniels (UCL); A Damjanac (St Bart's); E R Davies (St G); F J Davies (CCW); J M Davies (LH); K Davies (Imp Coll (St M)); L E Davies (Imp Coll (St M)); R Davies (Imp Coll (St M)); N M Davies (Imp Coll (St M)); W Dawes (St G); M Dayan (LH); A E Dean (Imp Coll (St M)); K F Deighton (Imp Coll (St M)); K D Deal (St G); B D De Silva (CCW); C G de Souza (CCW); J G J Deweerdt (RFH); S S Dewar (St Bart's); K K Dhingsa (UCL); A M Dick (UMDS); S J Dickson (UCL); P C Dill-Russell (UMDS); S J Dixon (Imp Coll (St M)); J A Dobson (UMDS); R C Dodd (St G); S Dolby (St Bart's); P H Doran (St G); G R Eardley (CCW); J A Eaves (St G); J C Edouge (St Bart's); C J Eddleston (RFH); P P F Edwards (UMDS); H M Eldon (UCL); S Ellis (UCL); A Emery (Imp Coll (St M)); C M Ellis (UMDS); S I Ellis (St G); S Emmerson (UCL); W J Eaton (CCW); V Erwin (LH); S E Estiden (UMDS); A Evans (CCW); A M A Ewes (CCW); C D M Fahy (UCL); A M Fairhurst (RFH); P S Farmer (CCW); A M Farmer (Imp Coll (St M)); K D Farquharson (UCL); M Farr (St Bart's); S R Farrand (RFH); N F Farrer (CCW); A Farrington (UMDS); S A Fazal (Imp Coll (St M)); D C Fenske (UCL); C Ferson (RFH); M D A Ferrao (St Bart's); N G Fisher (CCW); D I Fitzcott (Imp Coll (St M)); A J Flynn (St G); A G Flynn (St Bart's); C Foge (UMDS); B M T Fox (RFH); E F Fox (UMDS); G C Fox (RFH); R A Fox (UMDS); S Fox (St Bart's); J C Fox (CCW); J S Francisco (RFH); S A Fraser (St G); P A Frisby (UMDS); P E Fulford (UMDS); F Gaund (UCL); P M Garratt (CCW); S Gaskell (St G); T Gaskin (St G); E N Gavins (St G); M Gazzaniga (Imp Coll (St M)); J Gerrard (CCW); P B Gill (UMDS); A P Gill (St G); M A Gilmerty (St G); S Gillis (St G); A Gibson (UMDS); S J Glover (St G); I Goater (Imp Coll (St M)); M Ostang (UCL); P A Gordon (KCL); S N Gosling (St G); K Karumanchera (St G); M A Gratinger (UMDS); I Gray (UCL); K Greaves (UCL); J E Greening (RFH); R A Greenway (Imp Coll (St M)); A J Grimshaw (St G); J M Grove (CCW); C Griffiths (St G); C R Grover (CCW); J Grumbeer (St Bart's); S S Gujral (St Bart's); J Gundry (UMDS); N Gupta (CCW); R Gunning (UCL); D Hadden (St G); N D Haddon (St G); C R Haigh (St G); E J Hailwood (St G); A K Hall (St G); C Hall (CCW); G J Hall (LH); J L Hall (UMDS); K Hall (St G); E Hall (CCW); P J B Hallam (UCL); D J Halliday (CCW); F Hanni (RFH); R A Hammond (UCL); M Hammond (UCL); G C R Hand (UMDS); M Harding (UCL); T A G Harding (St G); S Handy (UCL); J M S Hare (UMDS); C Harrison (St Bart's); E M Harries (RFH); R A Harris (St G); P A Harris (CCW); R L Harrison (UMDS); S J Harrison (RFH); T Thomas; G R Thompson; M Y Tse; S A Tribe; E Walton; D J Weeks; E A Wilson; N J White; N J White; R A L White; M P Wilson
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Class III: A J Baker; J J Nicholas; K B Westgate
Pass: L-M Boardman

Linguistics and Philosophy

Class II (Div 2): A J Perlmotter

BA (Part-time)

English and American Studies

Class II (Div 1): A Farquharson; R H R Hawkins; V A Leach; M D Taylor

History

Class II (Div 1): H C Britnain; M C

Knight Of Mercy for sprint encore

SKY Diver is the only horse to have won the William Hill Stewards' Cup in successive years this century.

However, at Goodwood today I firmly believe that *Knight Of Mercy*, from Richard Hannon's East Everleigh yard, has a fine chance of emulating that feat.

That chance should not be affected by his No 16 draw as 12 months ago he started from stall No 18.

Last year Hannon brought off a remarkable achievement because he also trained the runner-up, Bocas Rose.

Discussing the race yesterday, Hannon believes he could have two in the frame again today because in addition to Knight Of Mercy, who will be ridden by Pat Eddery, he also saddles Notley, who has been working with impressive zest of late.

However, Hannon remains adamant that Knight Of Mercy, who he considers to be fairly handicapped, is his first string even though he finished behind his stable companion in the Wokingham Stakes at Royal Ascot.

That was Knight Of Mercy's first race of the season, added to which he was badly drawn. In the circumstances he did well to finish ninth.

The Wokingham was won by Amigo Menor, now attempting to emulate Knight Of Mercy who pulled off the same Royal Ascot-Goodwood sprint double last year. But with his weight increased by a 7lb penalty, Amigo Menor will be meeting Knight Of Mercy on unfavourable terms, having been placed behind my selection in both races last season.

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Notwithstanding that, Amigo Menor should still go well under his penalty as should the Wokingham eighth, Farfelu, who turned a valuable sprint at York earlier this month into a procession. On that occasion Silver Singing, who has finished second again in the meantime, was trounced three-and-a-half lengths.

Cantoris and Finjan, who also ran well in the Wokingham to finish third and seventh respectively, are others who are expected to give a good account of themselves. Plain Fact, who was beaten a short head by Very Adjacent in the corresponding event two years ago, is also fancied to go well with 13lb less on his back.



Hannon: after successive victory in Stewards' Cup

Instead of relying upon last year's Ayr Gold Cup winner Final Shot, Peter Easterby has decided to send Cumbrian Waltzer and Macrobian from Yorkshire and that decision has to be respected.

The meeting can start with Luca Cumani and Lanfranco Dettori landing a double through Hail And Blest (2.30), a course and distance winner, and Le Corsaire (3.10).

A pathetic turn-out for the Gordon Stakes would appear to have handed a group three prize to the impressive Newmarket winner Le Corsaire. In going for Satin Flower to win the Oak Tree Stakes over seven furlongs instead of Only Yours, I am mindful of today's distance.

It was over this trip that Satin Flower was an impressive winner of the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot before she was outstayed by Only Yours over a mile in the Child Stakes at Newmarket.

Having received a strong recommendation from George Robinson, our Newmarket correspondent, Jood is napped to win the EBF New Ham Maiden Fillies' Stakes even though she lacks racecourse experience.

Two recent bits of work on the Limekilns suggest that this Michael Stoute-trained daughter of Nijinsky has a very bright future indeed.

Ajaad fails to deliver

THE Michael Stoute-trained Ajaad, such an impressive winner of the Britannia Handicap at Royal Ascot, ran no sort of race in the Beeswing Stakes at Newcastle yesterday, trailing in last of the seven runners under Pat Eddery. The stewards immediately ordered a dope test on the 6-4 on favourite.

Bold Russian, backed to win this race last year when only third to Savahra Sound, made no mistake this time. The improving son of Persian Bold came home by two-and-a-half lengths from Nicholas.

Starlight Flyer misses Schweppes

By RICHARD EVANS

ONE Goodwood gamble has gone astray before the five-day festival begins today following the withdrawal of Starlight Flyer from the Schweppes Golden Mile on Thursday.

Mohammed Moubarak's four-year-old had been backed down from 12-1 to 6-1 following two impressive victories this season but a slight setback has ended his participation.

The withdrawal means the weights for the normally competitive handicap will almost certainly go up by 7lb as the two horses above Starlight Flyer in the weights, Arany and Two Left Feet, are likely to miss the race unless there is substantial rain. Lord Of Tusmore, trained by Barry Hills, is also out.

The changes mean Superoo, the 9-2 second favourite, is now set to carry 8st 5lb. Lightweight Nick Adams had been booked to ride but may be replaced by Alan Munro or Michael Roberts.

With uncertainty surrounding several runners, betting on the race was subdued yesterday, but Parliament Piece, Richard Whitaker's northern raider, was cut from 25-1 to 16-1 by Ladbrokes as punters tried to find a value alternative to Michael Stoute's Desert Dirham, the 9-4 market leader.

Coral trimmed the odds of Shadayid in the Sussex Stakes following consistent support. The 1,000 Guineas winner is now 11-4, with Second Set the 5-2 favourite, and Clive Brittain's Mystiko, winner of the 2,000 Guineas, on 7-2.

Norman Lamont, Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday met a delegation representing the horse and pony industry over the potential difficulties caused by changes in VAT from the beginning of next year.

David Gibson, president of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, said afterwards: "We made the Chancellor fully aware of the gravity of the situation, not just for the top end of the bloodstock market, but also its effect on every horse and pony breeder in the country.

"The fact that the Chancellor said that the situation is wholly unsatisfactory, and acknowledged the potential loss of revenue, indicates that finding a solution will be a matter of priority for the Treasury."

GOODWOOD

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.30 Hail And Blest.	2.30 Morgannwg.	2.30 Spanish Grandee.
3.10 Le Corsaire.	3.10 Le Corsaire.	3.45 FARFELU (nap).
3.45 Knight Of Mercy.	3.45 Farfelu.	5.20 Jood.
4.15 Satin Flower.	4.15 SATIN FLOWER (nap).	
4.45 Nifty Fifty.	4.45 Wild Honour.	
5.20 JOOD (nap).	5.20 Brecon Beacons.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.15 Satin Flower. 5.20 JOOD (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 FARFELU.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.30 ROBERT MONDAVI HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £7,830: 1m) (12 runners) BBC2

1	(10)	0241012	PAY HOMAGE 17 (C,D,F) (Miss A Hill) I Balding 9-7	S O'Gorman (3)	94
2	(11)	4110	HAIL AND BLEST 39 (C,F,G) (Mrs C Heath) L Cumani 9-5	L Dettori	94
3	(5)	332231	SALUTING WALTER 29 (D,G) (P Flavin) M Ryan 8-8	G Carter	98
4	(9)	0-414	WILD AND LOOSE 20 (D,BF,G) (R Richards) D Elsworth 8-7	J Williams	96
5	(1)	04-62	BOSAMBO 20 (SP) (A Speelman) G Harwood 8-3	R Cochrane	93
6	(3)	0-331	MORGANNWG 19 (G) (K Morgan) R Dickin 8-3	Dean McKeown	90
7	(12)	0-40212	SPANISH GRANDEE 28 (D,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-2	Paul Eddery	97
8	(2)	10-4615	HAJAIM 20 (F,S) (S Nesmens) C Brittain 8-0	M Roberts	95
9	(7)	0-14241	BROWN FAIRY 14 (F,G) (Mrs P White) Mrs N Macauley 7-12	D Biggs (5)	96
10	(4)	542120	SOMETHING QUICK 20 (D,BF,S) (Mrs B Burchell) R Hannon 7-11	—	91
11	(6)	1-00002	QASWARI 8 (C,F,S) (D Allen) R Hannon 7-7	N Carlisle	96
12	(8)	2-05566	GREY ILLUSIONS 10 (J Redfern) L Holt 7-7	N Adams	89

Long handicap: Grey Illusions 7-2.

BETTING: 7-2 Bosambo, 9-2 Wild And Loose, 6-1 Spanish Grandee, 13-2 Pay Homage, 8-1 Morgannwg, Hail And Blest, 12-1 Hajaim, 14-1 others.

1990: BATZUSHKA 9-6 A Munro (9-1) Mrs L Piggott 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

PAY HOMAGE ½l 2nd to Dream Carrier at Chester (7f 22yd, good); previously beat Lest Lion 2½l at Beverley (1m 100yd, firm). HAIL AND BLEST 2¼l 21st to Ajaad in Britannia Handicap at Royal Ascot (1m, good to firm); previously beat Arak ¾l here (7f, good) with WILD AND LOOSE (12lb better off) 2¾l 4th. SALUTING WALTER beat Dibdcom 1½l in Pontefract (1m, good) maiden. WILD AND LOOSE beat Lynam Prince ¾l in Salisbury (1m, good) maiden with BOSAMBO (4lb better off) 10½l 4th. MORGANNWG beat Moons 2l in Chepstow (7f 16yd, good) maiden. SPANISH GRANDEE sh hd 2nd to subsequent winner Jubran at Haydock (7f 30yd, good). HAJAIM beat Worldbeta neck at Chester (7f 122yd, soft) on penultimate start. BROWN FAIRY beat Cabourg 2l at Beverley (7f 100yd, firm). SOMETHING QUICK 3l 2nd to Devil's Soul over course and distance (soft) on penultimate start. DASWARI nk 2nd to Sure Victory at Bath (1m 5yd, good to firm).
Selection: WILD AND LOOSE

3.10 GORDON STAKES (Group III: 3-Y-O: £24,815: 1m 4f) (3 runners) BBC2

1	(3)	4-21231	LE CORSAIRE 11 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-10	L Dettori	99
2	(1)	8-22110	STYLISH SENOR 17 (V,D,G) (Dana Tex Ltd) J Fanshawe 8-10	G Duffield	85
3	(2)	55-2205	TREBLY 11 (L, Gauci) C Brittain 8-10	M Roberts	82

BETTING: 4-7 Le Corsaire, 13-8 Stylish Senor, 10-1 Trebly.

1990: KARINGA BAY 8-10 B Rouse (13-2) Denys Smith 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

LE CORSAIRE beat Sharp Imposter 6l at Newmarket (1m 4f, good); previously 2½l 3rd to Jendali at Royal Ascot (2m 45yd, good).
STYLISH SENOR distant 8th to Hallopous in York (1m 2f 85yd, good) handicap; previously beat Dizzy ¾l in Windsor (1m 2f 22yd, good) auction graduation. TREBLY 3l 5th to Designate stn Newbury (1m 2f).
Selection: LE CORSAIRE

3.45 WILLIAM HILL STEWARDS' CUP (Handicap: £53,206: 6f) (30 runners) BBC2

1	(26)	30-6040	WHIPPET 39 (B,D,F,G,S) (A Richards) C Austin 7-8-11	A Tucker (5)	80
2	(5)	4660-50	MAC'S FIGHTER 21 (B,D,F,G) (N McDonnell) W O'Gorman 8-9-9	L Dettori	84
3	(18)	16653-0	KNIGHT OF MERCY 39 (CD,F,G,S) (M Grant) R Hannon 5-9-1	Pat Eddery	90
4	(30)	15-0011	AMIGO MENOR 38 (B,D,F,G,S) (F Glennon) D Murray Smith 5-9-1 (7ex)	C Rutter	96
5	(19)	4-35112	CUMBRIAN WALTZER 32 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Cumbrian Ltd) M H Easterby 5-8-13	M Birch	93
6	(28)	1/5-0441	NOTLEY 28 (D,G,S) (D Cock) R Hannon 4-8-12	R Perham (5)	93
7	(14)	024204	LOVE LEGEND 18 (D,F,G) (M Gilkstein) D Arbuthnot 6-8-9	A Munro	88
8	(24)	594016	LUCEDEO 18 (D,F,G) (Non-Stop Promotions) J Spearing 7-8-6 (bex)	Dean McKeown	89
9	(23)	360306	BERTIE WOOSTER 4 (V,D,F,G,S) (Miss A Rawding) R Holder 8-8-6	L Piggott	88
10	(3)	000-522	SILVER SINGING 13 (C,BF,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-8-7	R Cochrane	94
11	(12)	110-420	ADWICK PARK 5 (D,F,G) (D Taylor) T Barron 3-8-6	J Carroll	92
12	(1)	215005	ARTURIAN 11 (G,V,D) (G Stewart) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-4	A Clark	92
13	(13)	55-1505	GRAND PRIX 24 (CD,F,S) (Mrs T Brown) D Elsworth 6-8-3	T Quinn	88
14	(17)	30000-3	HINARI TELEVIDEO 5 (D,F,S) (M Johnston Ltd) M Johnston 5-8-2	R P Elliott	84
15	(2)	30-2001	FARFELU 18 (B,D,F,G) (J O'Malley) W Muir 4-8-2 (5ex)	S Whitworth	99
16	(21)	003500	MASNUN 24 (CD,F,S) (I Page) R O'Sullivan 5-8-0	D Biggs (5)	87
17	(20)	201131	PLAIN FACT 15 (D,F,G,S) (G Moore) M Prescott 5-8-0	G Duffield	86
18	(7)	2/01110-4	FASCINATION WALTZ 22 (D,F) (F Haversroth) J Mackie 4-7-13	G Carter	85
19	(27)	301045	HARD TO FIGURE 13 (D,F,G) (J Mursell) R Hodges 5-7-13	T Sprake (5)	89
20	(6)	083321	MACROBIAN 5 (D,F,G) (Miss E Macgregor) M H Easterby 7-7-12	J Lowe	88
21	(9)	025016	FINJAN 10 (D,BF,F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 4-7-12	W Carson	91
22	(29)	1411160	AUGHFAD 10 (CD,V,F,G,S) (M Mac Carthy) T Casey 5-7-11	J Quinn	96
23	(10)	22-1013	NOBLE FLUTTER 45 (D,F,G) (Mrs T Davis) P Chapple-Hyam 3-7-10	F Norton (5)	90
24	(15)	535401	CANTORIS 14 (F) (G Cresn) R Williams 5-7-10	S O'Gorman (3)	95
25	(4)	330434	LOFT BOY 13 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs B Allwright) J Bethell 8-7-9	S Dawson	89
26	(8)	131000	ASSIGNMENT 10 (D,F) (A Gorrie) J Fitch-Heyes 5-7-8	A Mackay	85
27	(25)	000080	JOE SUGDEN 8 (D,F,G,S) (J Amass) P Howling 7-7-7	N Adams	80
28	(22)	004306	CRAFT EXPRESS 29 (G) (Mrs V Rowland) M Johnston 5-7-7	R Fox	90
29	(16)	026308	FIDDLING 21 (F) (Mrs R Watson) Mrs J Ramsden 4-7-7	NON-RUNNER	—
30	(11)	000003	JUDGEMENT CALL 5 (D,F,G) (Sprint Racing Ltd) P Howling 4-7-7	N Carlisle	85

BETTING: 13-2 Amigo Menor, 8-1 Knight Of Mercy, 10-1 Farfelu, 12-1 Cumbrian Waltzer, 14-1 Aughfad, Cantoris, 16-1 Notley, Silver Singing, 20-1 Grand Prix, Bertie Wooster, 25-1 Fascination Waltz, Macrobian, 33-1 others.

1990: KNIGHT OF MERCY 4-8-0 B Raymond (14-1) R Hannon 30 ran

FORM FOCUS

AMIGO MENOR beat Local Lass 1½l at Royal Ascot (6f, good) with CANTORIS (6lb better off) 2l 3rd, NOTLEY (8lb better off) ½l 4th, FINJAN (7lb better off) 2l 7th, FARFELU (3lb better off) ½l 8th, KNIGHT OF MERCY (7lb better off) 9th, GRAND PRIX (1lb better off) 1l 11th, MASNUN (1lb worse off) ½l 12th, ARTURIAN (3lb better off) 3l 18th, BERTIE WOOSTER (5lb better off) 19th and WHIPPET (1lb better off) 5l 20th.
CUMBRIAN WALTZER beat LOVE LEGEND (2lb better off) ¾l at York (6f, good) on penultimate start with JUDGEMENT CALL (5lb better off) 2¼l 7th, LUCEDEO (1lb better off) 1½l 10th. LUCEDEO beat CUMBRIAN WALTZER (6lb better off) hd at Newcastle (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start with CANTORIS (5lb better off) 3l 5th and LOVE LEGEND 3l 9th. SILVER SINGING ¼l 2nd to Bold Habit at Sandown (5f 9yd) with LOFT BOY (1lb worse off) 2¾l 4th, HARD TO FIGURE (1lb worse off) head 5th, JOE SUGDEN (1lb worse off) 2½l 6th. FARFELU beat SILVER SINGING (3lb better off) 3½l at York (5f, good) with LOVE LEGEND 2l 4th, LUCEDEO ¾l 6th and CANTORIS ¼l 7th. PLAIN FACT beat Brash 1l in Wolverhampton (5f, good to firm) claimer. FASCINATION WALTZ 2½l 4th to Ashdren at Ripon (6f, good). MACROBIAN beat Never So Sure 5l at Doncaster (6f, good) with HINARI TELEVIDEO (1lb better off) ½l 3rd and ADWICK PARK (1lb better off) 4l 7th. CANTORIS beat Crail Harbour 2½l at Beverley (5f, firm).
Selection: CANTORIS

4.15 OAK TREE STAKES (Listed race: fillies: £18,762: 7f) (10 runners) BBC2

1	(2)	0-10686	PALACE STREET 11 (D,G,S) (Miss S Swire) G Balding 4-9-3	J Williams	98
2	(3)	550501	ONLY YOURS 20 (F,G) (Mrs M Butcher) R Hannon 3-9-2	M Roberts	90
3	(5)	03-2033	ALTAIA 10 (D,F) (F Dasa) W Haggas 4-9-0	L Dettori	76
4	(3)	1213	SATIN FLOWER 20 (D,BF,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-13	S Cauthen	99
5	(9)	0-40120	LEE ARTISTE 17 (F) (E Jemesson) P Cole 3-8-10	T Quinn	91
6	(10)	5-40200	CLOCHE D'OR 19 (F) (Mrs C Paterno) C Brittain 3-8-7	A Munro	86
7	(4)	11-600	GENTLE ARIA 52 (D,F,S) (H Cotts) Miss A Whitfield 3-8-7	R Cochrane	89
8	(1)	110-051	GLOWING ARDOUR 19 (D,F,G) (Lord Wainstock) M Stoute 3-8-7	W Carson	91
9	(7)	0-20241	HIMIKO 12 (D,F,S) (Y Ito) B Hills 3-8-7	M Hills	86
10	(8)	10-83	MAYAASA 17 (F) (Miss H Al Maktoum) A Scott 3-8-7	Pat Eddery	79

BETTING: 6-4 Jood, 11-4 Shamiba, 4-1 Brecon Beacons, 6-1 Hidden Laughter, 8-1 Milagro, 14-1 White Wedding, 16-1 Crystal Cross, 25-1 others.

1990: JAFFA LINE 8-11 S Cauthen (2-1) D Elsworth 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

PALACE STREET 5l 6th to Keen Hunter at Newbury (6f 8yd, good). ONLY YOURS beat Trojan Crown 1½l at Newmarket (1m, good) with SATIN FLOWER (3lb better off) 1½l 3rd. ALTAIA 1½l 3rd to Piquant at Newmarket (6f, good). SATIN FLOWER beat Dawson Place 5l at Royal Ascot (7f, good) on penultimate start. LEE ARTISTE 1½l 2nd to Green Line Express at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good); previously beat CLOCHE D'OR (5lb better off) 1l at Haydock (5f, good to firm). GLOWING ARDOUR beat Able Susan ½l in Newmarket (7f, good) handicap with HIMIKO (3lb better off) 3¼l 4th and CLOCHE D'OR last of 12. HIMIKO beat Collide by comfortable 1l at Chepstow (7f 16yd, good to soft). MAYAASA 1¼l 3rd to Petroc in York (6f, good) handicap.
Selection: SATIN FLOWER

4.45 RALPH HUBBARD MEMORIAL NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £10,575: 5f) (7 runners)

1	(7)	21511	NIFTY FIFTY 11 (D,F,S) (Mrs N Peebles) J Berry 9-7	J Carroll	99
2	(3)	013	MISS NOSEY PARKER 10 (D,S) (T Cunningham) R Hannon 8-5	Pat Eddery	91
3	(1)	33413	SIR VALID 24 (D,G) (Madaline Racing) W O'Gorman 8-8	Emma O'Gorman (5)	96
4	(2)	456	MYASHA 13 (J Ashenheim) Mrs L Piggott 8-3	A Munro	90
5	(4)	251222	WILD HONOUR 7 (D,F) (Mrs C Heim) W Muir 7-13	S Whitworth	97
6	(6)	024013	MISTER BANDIT 7 (D,G) (F Kalla) N Callaghan 7-13	W Carson	97
7	(5)	0333	NAUGHTY NORMAN 29 (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 7-9	S Gorman (3)	95

BETTING: 13-8 Nifty Fifty, 5-2 Miss Nosey Parker, 11-2 Mister Bandit, 13-2 Wild Honour, 10-1 Sir Valid, 14-1 Myasha, 20-1 Naughty Norman.

1990: ZANDRIL 8-5 B Raymond (13-2) R Hannon 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

NIFTY FIFTY broke juvenile course record when beating Doubles 5l at Thirsk (5f, firm); previously beat Another Episode hd at Edinburgh (5f, good to firm). MISS NOSEY PARKER ½l 3rd to Paris House at Newbury (5f 34yd, good to firm); previously beat Spanish Storm 3½l at Kempton (5f, good to soft). SIR VALID 10½l 3rd to Mamma's Too at Bath (5f 11yd, good to firm); previously beat Gold Wing neck over same course and distance. MYASHA 13l 8th of 9 to Sahara Star at Sandown (5f 8yd, good). WILD HONOUR ¾l 2nd to Ambellijill at Folkestone (5f, good) with MISTER BANDIT (7lb better off) 1½l 3rd; previously 2l 2nd to Walk In The Park at Windsor (6f, good). NAUGHTY NORMAN 7½l 3rd to Sandcastle City at Windsor (5f, good).
Selection: NIFTY FIFTY (nap)

5.20 EBF NEW HAM MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £6,212: 7f) (11 runners)

1	(9)	2	BRECON BEACONS 20 (BF) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-11	Pat Eddery	89
2	(2)		CAPPAHOOSH (Mrs P Butler) H Collingridge 8-11	J Quinn	—
3	(1)		CRYSTAL CROSS (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11	J Reid	—
4	(7)	2	HIDDEN LAUGHTER 25 (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-11	S Cauthen	92
5	(6)		JOOD (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11	B Raymond	—
6	(11)	00	KALAMOSS 90 (H Thelwell-Jones) N Mitchell 8-11	T Sprake	(5) —
7	(8)	02	MILAGRO 20 (Mrs D Hammerson) R Hannon 8-11	R Cochrane	84
8	(5)		QUACK SECRET (L Gaucci) C Brittain 8-11	M Roberts	—
9	(4)	3	SHARRIBA 12 (J Smith) D Elsworth 8-11	W Carson	93
10	(10)		SHOCKING TIMES (M Lewin) R Simpson 8-11	A Tucker	(5) —
11	(3)	3	WHITE WEDDING 49 (Mrs N Myers) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	83

BETTING: 6-4 Jood, 11-4 Shamiba, 4-1 Brecon Beacons, 6-1 Hidden Laughter, 8-1 Milagro, 14-1 White Wedding, 16-1 Crystal Cross, 25-1 others.

1990: JAFFA LINE 8-11 S Cauthen (2-1) D Elsworth 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRECON BEACONS running-on 1½l 2nd to Harvest Girl at Newmarket (6f, good). CRYSTAL CROSS (sealed Feb 27) by Roberto out of a half-sister to Lupe Stakes winner Golden Bowl. HIDDEN LAUGHTER 1½l 2nd to Saratoga Source at Sandown (7f, good). JOOD (Apr 17, cost $2,000,000) half-sister by Nijinsky to 6f group III winning juvenile Hasam and top-class American racemare Gorgeous. MILAGRO 1½l 2nd to Swallowcliffe at Kempton (6f, good). QUACK SECRET (Feb 26, $65,000) by Secreto out of a dam who won 8 races from two to four years in the United States. SHARRIBA strong-finishing ½l 3rd to Jammaayll at Sandown (7f 16yd, good to soft). WHITE WEDDING 2½l 3rd to Mema at Salisbury (5f, good) with MILAGRO 5l 7th.
Selection: BRECON BEACONS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
T Casey	4	6	66.7	A Munro	10	32	31.3
Mrs L Piggott	7	23	30.4	Pat Eddery	60	263	22.8
W Haggas	4	16	25.0	S Cauthen	40	159	21.2
M Stoute	17	76	22.4	B Raymond	12	57	21.1
L Cumani	20	90	22.2	M Hills	15	81	18.5
J Gosden	6	28	21.4	W Carson	41	245	16.7

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MANDARIN

6.15 Last Of Love. 6.45 Swan Star. 7.15 Repique. 7.45 Millie. 8.15 Highly Praised. 8.45 Bayonne.

THUNDERER

6.15 Sky Cat. 6.45 Kate Royale. 7.15 Internal Affair. 7.45 Ciboure. 8.15 Highly Praised. 8.45 Sweet Soul Dream.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.15 Highly Praised.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

6.15 COPLOW HANDICAP (£3,600: 7f 9yd) (17 runners)

J Weaver (7) 8

1	0-11	LUST OF LOVE 20 (F) (D) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-0			
2	0032	PRESQUE NOIR 14 (BF) H Candy 3-9-8	C Rutter	13	
3	0040	ALNASRIC PETE 22 (C,F) D Wilson 5-9-2	W Newnes	8	
4	2164	SKY CAT 24 (B,D,F,G) M H Easterby 7-9-2	J Williams	1	
5	-080	A LITTLE PRECIOUS 13 (S) J Bostock 5-9-1	N Day	5	
6	0000	FOUNTAIN LOCH 24 (D,F,G) R Hollor 4-9-0	Dean McKeown	17	
7	4-00	NOW BOARDING 24 R Hodges 4-8-12	G Hind	2	
8	0035	BREY AREA 8 (S) Mrs H Macauley 4-8-11	P D'Arcy	12	
9	1240	CHARMED KNAVE 10 (F,G) D Laing 8-8-6	T Williams	16	
10	0500	ABSOLUTELY RIGHT 20 S Dow 3-8-7	M Wigham	6	
11	0046	GODSCHARM 10 (F) M Britain 3-8-7	S Maloney (5)	15	
12	0004	SILVER CONCORD 14 J Eustace 5-8-5	M Tabbutt	3	
13	5450	ORCHARD'S PET 98 (D,F) W G M Turner 5-8-4	Paul Eddery	14	
14	0304	DR SOCK IT TO ME 5 J Sutcliffe 6-8-0	N Adams	7	
15	3504	ROYAL RESORT 29 (D,F) R Hodges 4-7-11	D Harrison (7)	4	
16	0000	CHESHIRE BELL 28 W Carter 3-7-9	F Norton (5)	10	
17	0000	CAREFUL LAD 24 (B,G,G) K Burke 5-7-7	G Bardwell	11	

5-2 Lust Of Love, 4-1 Presque Noir, 13-2 Sky Cat, 7-1 Now Boarding, 8-1 Royal Resort, 10-1 Grey Area, 12-1 others.

6.45 MOLYNEUX SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,589: 5f 218yd) (9)

1	45	DO THE BUSINESS 6 (V) C Allen 8-11	Mick Denaro (7)	1	
2	00	GAVELKIND 38 M Bell 8-11	M Hills	9	
3	0001	LOUISA SCARLETT 8 (G) G Lewis 8-11	Paul Eddery	5	
4	0000	FRENI 8 M Usher 8-6	M Wigham	7	
5	6525	KATE ROYALE 8 C James 8-6	S Whitworth	2	
6	5	LABYRINTH 10 Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-6	Dean McKeown	4	
7	3	OH SO CHEEKY 7 T Caldwell 8-6	F Norton (5)	8	
8	0460	RIVER ORCHID 32 R Hodges 8-6	D Harrison (5)	3	
9	0404	SWAN STAR 18 G Blum 8-6	G Carter	6	

3-1 Oh So Cheeky, 7-2 Labyrinth, 9-2 Louisa Scarlett, 5-1 Kate Royale, 9-1 Swan Star, River Orchid, 10-1 Gavelkind, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Sutcliffe, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; H Cecil, 25 from 79, 31.6%; G Harwood, 11 from 44, 25.0%; L Cumani, 7 from 36, 19.4%; R Johnson Houghton, 9 from 51, 17.6%; M Jarvis, 8 from 50, 16.0%.

JOCKEYS: M Hills, 14 winners from 104 rides, 13.5%; T Quinn, 15 from 128, 11.9%; W Ryan, 15 from 129, 11.6%; J Reid, 12 from 110, 10.9%; M Roberts, 20 from 191, 10.5%; Paul Eddery, 15 from 144, 10.4%.

7.15 RUTLAND HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,496: 1m 8yd) (9)

1	-231	BARESI 14 (F) H Cecil 9-8	S Davies (7)	8	
2	2-41	REPIQUE 41 (S) L Cumani 8-13	L Dettori	2	
3	-304	NEPTUNE'S PET 13 W Carter 8-12	W Newnes	5	
4	3040	GOLDEN CAP 18 (F) P Cole 8-10	T Quinn	6	
5	0544	PETOSKI'S CHOICE 29 M Ryan 8-8	G Carter	1	
6	0050	HIGH DEGREE 22 C Brittain 7-13	C Rutter	9	
7	50-0	MY ALIBI 29 (B,F) W Carter 7-12	T Williams	7	
8	5-31	INTERNAL AFFAIR 19 (D,S) A Stewart 7-12	W Carson	4	
9	-0-00	DESIRE'S DOUBLE 99 (S) M Britain 7-7	S Maloney (5)	3	

13-8 Repique, 5-2 Baresi, 3-1 Internal Affair, 10-1 Petoski's Choice, Golden Cap, 14-1 Neptune's Pet, 16-1 others.

7.45 ROTHLEY CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,658: 1m 1f 218yd) (11)

1	6631	GOLDEN CHIP 36 (G) A Stringer 9-1	J Fortune	8	
2	0008	DARI SOUND 15 (S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11	Dean McKeown	3	
3	1628	CIBOURE 10 (BF,F,G) M Usher 8-10	M Wigham	11	
4	-000	FETTLE UP 259 J Wharton 8-9	J Williams	5	
5	2003	CHEW IT OVER 71 M Jarvis 8-7	Paul Eddery	9	
6	0301	EVADING 28 (G) Miss S Wilton 8-6	F Norton (5)	2	
7	0801	MILLIE 19 (F) H Candy 8-6	Antoinette Armes (7)	6	
8	6605	IVAN THE TERRIBLE 25 P Cole 8-3	T Quinn	10	
9	0000	MABEL BROWN 34 J Jenkins 8-2	—	4	
10	-058	SCOSSA 80 J Toller 8-2	Dale Gibson	7	
11	-000	IN CONCERT 84 M Britain 7-10	S Maloney (5)	1	

9-4 Millie, 5-1 Golden Chip, 6-1 Ciboure, Chew It Over, 13-2 Evading, 10-1 Ivan The Terrible, 12-1 Scossa, 14-1 others.

8.15 THISTLETON GAP MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,579: 1m 3f 183yd) (11)

1	-0-	BRNIE 292 D Morley 9-0	S Whitworth	6
2	0932	HIGHLY PRAISED 21 H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan	2
3	0	ISCA'S SON 21 Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0	Dean McKeown	7
4		KILMARNOCK G Harwood 9-0	A Clark	4
5	0	LAST MATCH 11 Lord Huntingdon 9-0	J Reid	9
6	42	SUPER RITCHART 12 B Palling 9-0	N Adams	6
7		TOP SHELL L Cumani 9-0	L Dettori	10
8	2-00	BE A HONEY 17 N Graham 8-8	W Carson	11
9	0036	CARLY-S 27 M Ryan 8-8	M Tebbutt	1
10		INKALA J Eustace 8-8	T Quinn	3
11	0-5	NORFOLK LASS 46 M Jarvis 8-8	K Rutter (7)	8

15-8 Be A Honey, 11-4 Kilmarnock, 10-3 Highly Praised, 5-1 Top Shelf, 16-1 Emile, Last Match, Super Ritchart, 25-1 others.

8.45 TOM CRIBB MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,490: 7f 9yd) (12)

1		ALLERFORD C Brooks 9-0	J Williams	6
2	2604	ALTERMESSA 14 Mrs B Waring 8-9	N Howe	10
3	50	FRIENDLYPERSUASION 14 R Hollinshead 9-0	T Ives	7
4		LITTLE ROUSILLON A Stewart 9-0	M Roberts	11
5		MUSKET SHOT T Thomson Jones 9-0	S Whitworth	9
6	0320	PRINCE ROONEY 8 P Butler 9-0	G Baxter	2
7	00	ROAMING MONTY 39 K Burke 9-0	A Culhane	3
8	003	SHAKE TO

ICC coming into line with the bouncer


Ramprakash: amid fire

THE decision taken recently by the International Cricket Council (ICC) to limit bouncers to one per batsman per over, experimentally for the moment, has met with a predictably mixed reception. West Indies voted against it at the time, and have spoken out against it since, and in Imran Khan they have a powerful advocate.

Vivian Richards hints, unworthily, that the new regulation, effective from October 1, has racist undertones, and is aimed at disabling, at the point of their greatest strength, West Indian sides. Imran protests, undiscerningly, that it removes the best way of testing a batsman's courage.

JOHN WOODCOCK

The ICC's concern is not, of course, to nobble anyone, but simply to protect the game by making it more watchable and less war-like. Nobody cares for restrictive legislation, but the ICC has been driven to it by the almost total failure of umpires everywhere, and those who preside over them, to administer the present perfectly explicit law on fast, short-pitched bowling.

Not that in this summer's Test series the bouncer has been badly overdone. The West Indians have found it expedient to pitch the ball fairly well up; but they have still managed to win, and to test, quite severely enough, the courage of England's batsmen. Ray Lindwall told me once that he bowled only one ball in his whole career with the intent of actually hitting a batsman, as distinct from getting him out or putting the wind up him. And that he looks back on it with some shame. Nobody, surely, can believe that cricket played that way is not a better game than when the ball is aimed at the throat.

For England to have allowed West Indies to get away from them as they did in the first three days at Edgbaston, on a pitch which should have narrowed the gap between the teams, was profoundly disappointing. But there is now something grimly familiar about the course events are taking. The West Indian bowlers, whatever their length, are in a different class from England's. And England's batsmen, rather than coming to terms with their problems, are being increasingly debilitated by them. Gooch stands with honour at one end and Ramprakash like the boy on the burning deck ("the flare that lit the battle's wreck/ Shone round him o'er the dead") at the other. Atherton, Hick, Lamb, and Morris have played 23 innings between them for an aggregate of 233 runs.

But to put this into a different perspective, here is another set of figures. They are the scores of one of the greatest and most devastating batsmen in the history of the game, made against a side which, year in and year out, fields a full hand of the world's best fast bowlers. They start in 1979, when fast bowling was beginning to monopolise the game in the Caribbean, and finish in 1991. They are 0, 3, 4, 13, 4, 46, 0, 45, 16, 70, 25 not out, 19, 7, and 16 — 14 innings, that is, with only one score over 50 and an average of 20. They are the first-class scores of Vivian Richards against Barbados, initially for Combined Islands and then for Leeward Islands.

The fact is that in conditions which give the West Indian fast bowlers the slightest bit of help, no one plays them with any consistent success, especially when they are hunting as a pack of four. I don't believe that the present, or any other West Indian side, would have fared much better against their own attack than England's have.

If such a conclusion comes as some consolation to England's batsmen, it may cause them some concern as well, not least because what is likely to be the fastest pitch of the series, at the Oval, has yet to come. All being well, though, it will be the truest too.

Composed Kellett claims his century

By RICHARD STREETON

HEADINGLEY (final day of three): Yorkshire drew with the Sri Lankans

A MAIDEN hundred yesterday from Simon Kellett, the Yorkshire batsman, also enabled him to improve his career best score for the second time in the match. Kellett, who made 82 on Saturday, batted with calm composure throughout the second Yorkshire innings as the match moved to an inevitable draw.

A slow pitch proved no ally to bowlers on either side. Any chance of a competitive finish first disappeared on Saturday, when Yorkshire batted too slowly, and later when the Sri Lankans settled for practice. The touring team had a lead of 108 when they declared shortly before lunch and it was almost teatime before Yorkshire cleared their deficit.

Kellett, who won the Tetley Bitter man-of-the-match award, was 109 not out when the match finished with Yorkshire 184 for one. With Metcalfe, he shared a first-wicket stand of 102 in 31 overs before Metcalfe was bowled as he attempted to sweep the off-spinner, Ranjith Madurasinghe. Byas then stayed with Kellett until the end.

It was another day of scorching sunshine, though there was none of the humidity present that makes it such hard work for visiting players in the touring team's home island. Once again, Madurasinghe and Anurasiri, the slow left-arm spinner, did most of the bowling for the Sri Lankans.

Both maintained a flat trajectory and were swept by the batsmen more often than they might have wished. They bowled with good control, though, and could have posed problems in more helpful conditions.

By far the most entertaining play came first thing as the Sri Lankans, led by Rumesh Ratnayake, the Test match all-round, sought quick runs. The overnight pair were soon dismissed — Kaluwitharana caught at first slip and Atapattu in the covers.

Ratnayake drove and pulled forcefully although, at 41, he was fortunate to survive a chance to long-on against Batty, the off-spinner. He hit Batty for four sixes and also had four fours in his 68 not out, made from 55 balls, and was well supported by Madurasinghe.

Aggressive Johnson leaves Middlesex defeated once again

By IVO TENNANT

LORD'S (final day of three): Nottinghamshire (22pts) beat Middlesex (5) by four wickets

FAR from being daunted by Warwickshire's considerable lead of the county championship table, Nottinghamshire are revelling in their attempts to catch them. Asked to make 282 off 66 overs, they won with five balls to spare. Now third in the table, they are 47pts behind the leaders with a match in hand.

Two or three times a season, Paul Johnson brings about victory for Nottinghamshire, often as not through the aggresive manner in which he makes runs: he cannot abide being tied down. His century yesterday, his first of the season, came off 103 balls and included shots of such variety and timing that even as niggardly a bowler as Emburey was left wondering where to pitch the ball next.

Of Nottinghamshire's five championship victories, three have come through scoring runs against the clock. Whether or not Glamorgan's declaration was as fair as Gatting's was here, Nottinghamshire have shown that they are too potent a batting side to be left much for the remainder of the season.

Yet Middlesex had no alternative, even with Tufnell in hospital suffering from stomach trouble. The champions, they have yet to win a match in any competition in the county. Their chances of doing so yesterday were further affected when Williams damaged a knee early in Nottinghamshire's innings.

He did, though, manage to dismiss Broad for next to nothing for the second time in the match — which made Nottinghamshire's victory all the more creditable. Their heaviest run-scorer was taken at a deepish short leg, a position that has come into vogue in since teams have sought to counter the England captain's uppish flick of his legs.

Preventing Pollard from making runs was a harder proposition. There were six fours in his 42, which ended when he sliced a drive at Emburey to cover point. Robinson, meanwhile, was collecting runs as assiduously as ever. Give him a flat pitch and nothing much above fast-medium pace bowling and he will give you a decent score.

He made 62 before he was bowled by Cowans. Randall came and went, nicely picked up by Brown at short leg off Emburey, where upon Johnson laid waste to the bowling. He gave just one conceivable chance when he flat-batted Headley to square leg. Johnson had struck 17 fours when he drove Headley's slower ball to cover point. French was then run out by Gatting at short mid-wicket. With 17 needed off the last two overs, Stephenson swung Emburey into the home dressing room. The over yielded 15 runs. The first ball of the final over, bowled by Headley, was dabbed for four to third man by Evans.

Pity the champions. They have lost four of their last five matches. Nottinghamshire, by contrast, have won four of their last five. Gatting deserved more, not only for his positive declaration but for his unbeaten 143, his fifth century of the season. There is nothing wrong with his batting but regrouping for next year cannot come soon enough.

Britannic Assurance championship table

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Warwicks (5)	15	8	2	5	40	41	209
Essex (2)	14	5	3	6	47	38	185
Notts (14)	14	5	2	7	36	46	162
Lancashire (6)	13	5	3	5	39	29	146
Surrey (9)	13	5	2	6	29	34	143
Derbyshire (12)	13	4	2	7	27	46	137
Kent (16)	15	4	1	10	34	33	131
Glouca (13)	16	4	5	7	28	36	126
Glamorgan (8)	16	3	3	10	33	40	121
Sussex (17)	15	2	2	11	39	40	111
Worcs (4)	13	2	2	9	28	29	90
Hampshire (3)	14	1	5	8	36	35	87
Yorkshire (10)	13	2	3	8	33	19	84
Northants (11)	14	1	4	9	29	28	84
Somerset (15)	14	1	2	11	43	28	84
Middlesex (1)	14	0	6	8	29	40	69
Leics (7)	14	0	5	9	22	30	52

(1990 positions in brackets)


In the swing: Botham in action at Cheltenham during Worcestershire's first championship win yesterday

Dilley and Stemp lead the way

By JACK BAILEY

CHELTENHAM (final day of three): Worcestershire (24pts) beat Gloucestershire (6) by 108 runs

THE odds being offered by the local bookmakers were a trifle generous. They were quoting four to one against a Worcestershire win and although Gloucestershire, chasing 317 runs from 85 overs, had by then gone well enough in reaching 149 for two wickets and Wright were still there a half-century against his name, those with wise old heads were reaching into their pockets to bet against the Gloucestershire tail. It was as long as the county has ever sported. They were soon queuing to collect their money.

In 13 overs, Gloucestershire's last eight wickets melted away before Dilley and Stemp for only 59 runs and Worcestershire claimed their second championship win. Dilley, who has looked far and away the most menacing bowler on either side, took three wickets for 17 runs during this spell, finishing with match figures of eight for 84 and gladdening Worcestershire hearts with the sheer verve that entered into everything he did.

The old campaigner's resurgence in all aspects of his play — he took a brilliant catch, high and to his right to get rid of Romaines — was one thing. The performance of young Richard Stemp, a low left arm bowler, living in Illingworth's shadow and playing only his third match of the season, was equally encouraging.

Neale gave him his head, allowing him to occupy one end for 28 overs. He had his moments of anguish. The left-handed Lloyds, swinging with the spin, lifted him for two sixes in consecutive overs and Lawrence thrived briefly at his expense.

But Stemp, spurred on by Dilley's catch, stuck to his task, finishing with four for 85 and finally contributing hugely to Gloucestershire's demise.

To be fair to the bookies, Hodgson and Wright had batted so well in a second wicket partnership of 102 — a period during which the ball scarcely passed the bat — and the pitch looked in such good order, that anyone might have been fooled. Hodgson was especially aggressive, hitting nine fours in his 71 after Dilley had removed Scott with a blistering outswing, beautifully caught by D'Oliveira at slip.

But the rest of the batting proved as unreliable as had Worcestershire's during a first hour which saw them chasing runs but, instead, losing wickets. Lawrence and Gilbert cashed in as five went in the space of five overs.

Maynard in the fast lane

MATTHEW Maynard, of Glamorgan, scored the fastest century of the season in the drawn match against Surrey at the Oval yesterday (Marcus Williams writes). Surrey finished 32 runs short of a target of 320 from 69 overs despite the efforts of Graham Thorpe, who made an undefeated 106.

Maynard reached three figures off 75 balls, with five sixes and nine fours, to beat the previous best of 83 balls shared by Ian Botham, John Morris and Maynard himself. He has now scored 750 runs in his last eight championship innings; unfortunately for the selectors he is one of 16 England cricketers banned for touring South Africa.

Glamorgan were able to declare at 248 for four thanks to Maynard and 68 by Butcher. Surrey's hopes of a fourth consecutive victory in the championship suffered with the dismissal of Bicknell and Stewart.

Thorpe shared a fourth-wicket partnership of 135 with Ward, but in the end Surrey were hanging on to avoid defeat. Thorpe's hundred was his first of the summer.

There was an exciting finish at Taunton where Somerset needed 11 runs from the final over from Igglesden, of Kent. A four by Graveney and four leg-byes left them needing three off the last two balls, but Graveney holed out to deep mid-on and Trump could manage only a leg-bye off the final ball.

Wreford sets up final for Carthusians

OLD Tonbridgians, five times winners, and Charterhouse Friars, twice holders of the Cricketer Cup, will meet in the final at Vincent Square on Sunday (George Chesterton writes).

In the semi-finals, the Carthusians made 232 for five against Eton Ramblers, Macmillan scoring 108. In reply, the Ramblers never truly recovered from 40 for four, finding the off spin of Wreford especially testing. They were bowled out for 154.

Old Tonbridgians had Oundle Rovers in trouble at 89 for five, but Oundle fought back to 165 for seven. Tonbridge slipped to 44 for three in reply, before Rupert Owen-Browne and Box-Grainger steered them to a six-wicket victory.

SCORES: Charterhouse Friars 232-5 (G Macmillan 108). Eton Ramblers 154 (A Wreford 4-38). Oundle Rovers 165-7 (D Robinson 63 not out). Old Tonbridgians 167-4 (R Owen-Brown 52 not out).

Atherton is failing the test of time

By SIMON WILDE

MICHAEL Atherton has the worst record of survival against the West Indies four-pronged pace attack of any England batsman since it was introduced in 1976. Following the defeat in the fourth Test match at Edgbaston, Atherton's average time at the crease in the series has dropped to 38.57 minutes.

In seven innings Atherton has scored only 66 runs and just once has he batted longer than an hour. His record is worse than that of Tim Robinson, who, during the 1985-6 tour of the Caribbean, played eight innings that averaged just 39.87 minutes.

Graeme Hick, who came into Test cricket with a glowing reputation, has also scarcely managed to get off the back foot. He has played two lengthy innings, of 155 minutes at Trent Bridge, and 147 minutes at Edgbaston, but has otherwise been easy prey, in particular for Ambrose, who has dismissed him six times in succession. Hick's average tenancy of the crease is 58.14 minutes.

England's mainline batting has relied heavily on Graham Gooch, the captain, and Robin Smith, whose records against West Indies are among the best in the world. Gooch has batted for longer than two hours in at least one innings of each of the four matches and in Tests against West Indies since 1980 has accumulated 2,118 runs and more than 100 hours at the crease (average 130.65 minutes). Smith's record is no less impressive. His batting average is higher (47.75 to Gooch's 45.06) and his average tenancy at the crease longer (135.68 minutes). Neither Gooch nor Smith, though, hold the West Indies at bay as long as did Boycott, whose average vigil lasted 143.55 minutes.

Although he struggled to translate his assurance into runs, Mark Ramprakash has been similarly unruffled. Like Hick, he is playing his first Test series, yet he has shown himself far more at ease than his vaunted colleague and has batted over twice as long (117.14 minutes per innings).

Two England players have experienced a dramatic change in fortune during this series. Allan Lamb, once a persistent thorn in West Indies' side, has spent just 370 minutes over his seven innings, while Derek Pringle, formerly one of the easiest of victims, has kept his opponents waiting more than 100 minutes, on average, for his wicket.

Pringle's career average against West Indies (62.95 minutes) is now superior to that of Ian Botham (56 minutes), who many would have back in the side. David Gower, another advocated for recall, has a more justifiable record on which to base his claim: a batting average of almost 33 and an average time of 93.71 minutes.

ENGLAND'S BEST AND WORST

Top ten

	Inns	Runs	Av Runs	Min	Av Time
G Boycott	18	883	41.43	2584	143 55
R A Smith	16	573	47 75	2171	135 68
G A Gooch	49	2118	45.06	6402	130 66
C J Tavaré	6	130	21.66	749	124 93
D B Close	6	166	33.20	743	123 83
M R Ramprakash	7	155	23 71	830	117 14
D S Steele	10	388	30 80	1089	108.90
R A Woolmer	13	354	29 50	1355	104 23
A J Lamb	42	1342	34 41	4279	101 88
B C Rose	8	258	36 85	796	99 50

Bottom ten

	Inns	Runs	Av Runs	Min	Av Time
R J Bailey	8	119	14.87	490	61.25
G A Hick	7	75	10 71	407	58 14
M W Gatting	17	258	15.17	987	58 05
I T Botham	36	757	21.02	2018	56.00
A J Stewart	8	170	24.28	486	48 00
D J Capel	11	110	11 00	507	46 09
R O Butcher	5	71	14.20	220	44 00
C W J Athey	8	34	5.66	249	41 50
R T Robinson	9	72	9.00	319	39.87
M A Atherton	7	66	9 42	270	38 57

□ Qualification: Five innings, players chosen exclusively as bowlers are excluded.

TEST MATCH AVERAGES

England batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Cts
R A Smith	3	5	2	281	148*	93.66	1	2	2
G A Gooch	4	7	1	391	154*	65 16	1	1	3
C C Lewis	1	2	0	78	63	39 00	—	1	2
M R Ramprakash	4	7	0	166	39	23 71	—	—	3
P A J DeFreitas	4	7	1	137	55*	21 16	—	1	1
D V Lawrence	4	7	0	128	45	18 28	—	—	1
D R Pringle	2	4	2	31	13	15 50	—	—	1
R K Illingworth	4	7	0	88	33	12.57	—	—	7
A J Lamb	4	7	0	75	43	10 71	—	—	8
R C Russell	4	7	0	73	46	10 42	—	—	5
M A Atherton	4	7	0	66	32	9 42	—	—	3
D E Malcolm	2	3	1	9	5*	4 50	—	—	1
S L Watkin	2	3	0	8	6	2.66	—	—	—
H Morris	1	2	0	4	3	2.00	—	—	—

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10m
P A J DeFreitas	152.5	40	377	19	19 84	4-34	—	—
C C Lewis	126.1	33	332	12	28 83	5-100	1	—
D R Pringle	36	4	153	5	30 60	3-38	—	—
S L Watkin	24	5	95	2	47.50	2-77	—	—
G A Hick	58 4	10	213	4	53.25	3-110	—	—
R K Illingworth	36.2	7	177	3	59 00	2-116	—	—
D V Lawrence	42.3	3	180	3	60 00	1 9	—	—
D E Malcolm								

ALSO BOWLED: G A Gooch 8-1-14-0

West Indies batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Cts
I V A Richards	4	6	1	314	80	62.80	—	4	3
R B Richardson	4	8	1	354	104	50.57	1	3	3
C L Hooper	4	7	2	214	111	42 80	1	1	7
D L Haynes	4	8	2	205	60	34.16	—	2	1
M D Marshall	4	5	1	139	67	34 75	—	1	—
A L Logie	4	5	0	120	78	24 00	—	1	4
P J L Dujon	4	5	0	84	33	16 80	—	—	15
P V Simmons	4	8	0	130	38	16.25	—	—	4
C A Walsh	4	5	0	52	18	10 40	—	—	—
B P Patterson	2	3	2	8	5*	8.00	—	—	—
C E L Ambrose	4	5	0	37	17	7 40	—	—	—
I B A Allan	2	2	2	5	4*	—	—	—	1

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5I	10m
C E L Ambrose	205	60	429	25	17.16	6-52	2	—
M D Marshall	143 1	28	371	18	20.61	4-33	—	—
B P Patterson	83.2	17	239	9	26.55	5-81	1	—
C A Walsh	146	34	384	11	34.90	4-84	—	—
I B A Allan	47	4	180	5	36 00	2-69	—	—
C L Hooper	30	12	59	1	59 00	1-10	—	—
I V A Richards	5	1	6	0	—	—	—	—
P V Simmons	3	0	7	0	—	—	—	—

● Compiled by Richard Lockwood Source: TCCB/Bull

Other matches

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Neston: Dorset 170-7 dec and 195 (S Rintoul 54, N Peel 7-86); Cheshire 178-6 dec (I Cockbain 91) and 188-3 (S T Crawley 71, D Varey 66 not out). Cheshire won by 7 wickets. St Austell: Cornwall 115 and 156 (E Nicolson 58); Berkshire 124 and 148-5 (G E Loveday 75 not out). Berkshire won by 5 wickets.

BAIN CLARKSON SECOND XI TROPHY: Market Harborough: Leicestershire 291-8 (B F Smith 109, A Roseberry 79); Yorkshire 181 (C White 90). Leicestershire won by 110 runs. Norbury: Middlesex 273-4 (G Pooley 106, M Lawrey 122 not out); MCC Young Cricketers 224 (N Bate 57). Middlesex won by 49 runs. Southend: Sussex 205-7 (J W Hall 91). Essex 206-4 (N V Knight 124 not out). Essex won by 6 wickets. Old Trafford: Lancashire 273 (G Yates 77, I D Austin 64); Derbyshire 157-8. Lancashire won by 116 runs. Bristol: Somerset 174; Warwickshire 175-4 (S J Green 54). Warwickshire won by 6 wickets.

CORRECTION: Refuge League Assurance: Derbyshire v Northamptonshire, July 28: Northamptonshire 5 A E Baptiste st Maher b McCray, not as previously published.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Gloucs v Worcs

CHELTENHAM *(final day of three): Worcestershire (24pts) beat Gloucestershire (6) by 108 runs*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 333 (D B D'Oliveira 79, I T Botham 74, T S Curtis 65)

Second Innings

T S Curtis c Wright b Gilbert	6
P Bent c Williams b Gilbert	42
T M Moody c Romaines b Alleyne	80
D B D'Oliveira c Lloyds b Gilbert	11
G R Dilley b Lawrence	14
I T Botham b Lawrence	0
†S J Rhodes c Wright b Lawrence	10
*P A Neale c Gerrard b Gilbert	6
S R Lampitt b Lawrence	21
P J Newport not out	24
R D Stemp not out	0
Extras (lb 6, nb 2)	10
Total (8 wkts dec)	224

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-120, 3-140, 4-160, 5-160, 6-168, 7-167, 8-181, 9-216

BOWLING: Lawrence 16-1-80-4; Gilbert 21-6-59-4; Gerrard 7-0-21-0; Lloyds 5-1-25-0; Scott 4-0-16-0; Alleyne 6-2-15-1

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 241 (A J Wright 120; G R Dilley 4 for 45)

Second Innings

G D Hodgson c Moody b Lampitt	71
R J Scott c D'Oliveira b Dilley	5
*A J Wright c D'Oliveira b Dilley	52
C W J Athey c Rhodes b Stemp	15
M W Alleyne lbw b Dilley	5
P W Romaines c Dilley b Stemp	0
J W Lloyds c Moody b Dilley	21
D V Lawrence c Rhodes b Stemp	17
†R C J Williams run out	0
D R Gilbert c Moody b Stemp	2
M J Gerrard not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 3, nb 15)	19
Total	208

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-124, 3-149, 4-159, 5-161, 6-186, 7-188, 8-199, 9-208.

BOWLING: Dilley 16-1-39-4; Botham 6-1-21-0; Stemp 28-8-85-4, Newport 7-2-24-0; Lampitt 9-1-35-1

Umpires: J D Bond and D J Constant.

Middlesex v Notts

LORD'S *(final day of three): Nottinghamshire (22pts) beat Middlesex (5) by four wickets*

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 194 (F D Stephenson 4 for 59)

Second Innings

M A Roseberry c French b Stephenson	4
J C Pooley c Evans b Field-Buss	58
*M W Gatting not out	143
K R Brown c French b Pick	42
M Keech not out	58
Extras (lb 17, nb 8)	25
Total (3 wkts dec)	330

FALL OF WICKETS:1-12, 2-116, 3-209.

BOWLING: Stephenson 22-8-71-1; Pick 17-3-76-1; Evans 16-4-58-0; Hemmings 4-2-24-0; Field-Buss 18-3-73-1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 243 (B N French 58 not out; N F Williams 5 for 85)

Second Innings

B C Broad c Brown b Williams	3
P R Pollard c Headley b Emburey	42
*R T Robinson b Cowans	62
D W Randall c Brown b Emburey	8
P Johnson c Emburey b Headley	105
K P Evans not out	28
†B N French run out	2
F D Stephenson not out	11
Extras (b 7, lb 8, w 1, nb 7)	23
Total (6 wkts)	284

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-71, 3-101, 4-185, 5-282, 6-284

BOWLING: Cowans 13-0-59-1; Williams 11-2-42-1; Emburey 25-6-86-2; Headley 16 1-0-62-1

Umpires: A G T Whitehead and P B Wight.


Maynard: fastest hundred

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-48, 3-47, 4-47, 5-138, 6-174, 7-180.

BOWLING: Van Troost 11-1-35-2; Trump 22-5-81-2; Graveney 23.4-4-88-2.

SOMERSET: First Innings 288 for 7 dec (S J Cook 126, C J Tavaré 72, R J Harden 54)

Second Innings

S J Cook c Marsh b Igglesden	10
A N Hayhurst c Fleming b Merrick	5
R J Harden b Merrick	57
*C J Tavaré run out	100
N J Pringle b Patel	17
†N D Burns b Igglesden	27
G D Rose b Igglesden	0
K H MacLeay run out	10
H R H Trump not out	1
D A Graveney c Patel b Igglesden	4
A P Van Troost not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 9)	11
Total (9 wkts)	242

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-15, 3-121, 4-158, 5-210, 6-210, 7-233, 8-233, 9-241.

BOWLING: Merrick 16-2-73-2; Igglesden 10-0-45-4; Davis 13-2-52-0; Patel 19-1-61-1.

Umpires: J H Harris and R Julian.

Somerset v Kent

TAUNTON *(final day of three): Somerset (6pts) drew with Kent (4)*

KENT: First Innings 318 (S A Marsh 113, M V Fleming 54; D A Graveney 7 for 105)

Second Innings

T R Ward c Cook b Troost	0
*M R Benson b Trump	76
N R Taylor lbw b Graveney	23
G R Cowdrey lbw b Troost	0
S G Hinks c Cook b Graveney	0
M V Fleming run out	59
†S A Marsh not out	26
T A Merrick b Trump	2
R P Davis not out	13
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 1, nb 2)	11
Total (7 wkts dec)	212

Surrey v Glamorgan

THE OVAL *(final day of three): Surrey (6pts) drew with Glamorgan (7)*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 321 for 9 dec (M P Maynard 75, S P James 70; Waqar Younis 4 for 75)

Second Innings

*A R Butcher st Sargeant b Medlycott	68
S P James lbw b Feltham	24
A Dale c Sargeant b Greig	20
M P Maynard not out	103
P A Cottey st Sargeant b Medlycott	17
R D B Croft not out	11
Extras (lb 2, nb 3)	5
Total (4 wkts dec)	248

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-97, 2-97, 3-148, 4-207.

BOWLING: Feltham 20-2-77-1; Greig 8-0-49-1; Medlycott 24-7-100-2, Thorpe 1-0-10-0; Stewart 2-0-10-0.

SURREY: First Innings 250 for 7 dec (G P Thorpe 74, S R Barwick 4 for 46)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell c Cottey b Dale	18
R I Alikhan b Shastri	25
A J Stewart run out	29
D M Ward lbw b Barwick	71
G P Thorpe not out	106
†A Greig lbw b Barwick	0
K T Medlycott b Shastri	28
M A Feltham c Shastri b Barwick	3
Waqar Younis c James b Shastri	0
†N F Sargeant not out	3
Extras (b 2, lb 3)	5
Total (9 wkts)	288

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-70, 3-75, 4-211, 5-217, 6-270, 7-279, 8-279

BOWLING: Barwick 17.5-1-75-3; Dale 5-0-19-1; Shastri 23-2-78-3; Croft 23-2-111-0.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and M J Kitchen

Tetley Challenge

Yorks v Sri Lankans

HEADINGLEY *(final day of three): Yorkshire drew with Sri Lankans*

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 314 for 8 dec (P E Robinson 100, S A Kellett 82, J D Batty 51)

Second Innings

S A Kellett not out	109
*A A Metcalfe b Madurasinghe	35
D Byas not out	31
Extras (lb 3, nb 6)	9
Total (1 wkt dec)	184

FALL OF WICKET: 1-102.

BOWLING: Ratnayake 2-0-6-0; Ramanayake 13-2-36-0; Anurasiri 27-9-64-0; Madurasinghe 23-4-75-1.

SRI LANKANS: First Innings

R S Mahanama c Blakey b Broadhurst	0
D S B P Kuruppu lbw b Sidebottom	19
H C P Ramanayake c Blakey b Broadhurst	25
A Gurusinha c Blakey b Houseman	98
*P A de Silva c P E Robinson c Batty	18
S T Jayasuriya c Kellett b M A Robinson	94
M S Atapattu c Kellett b M A Robinson	41
†R Kaluwitharana c Sidebottom b Broadhurst	25
R J Ratnayake not out	68
M A W R Madurasinghe not out	17
Extras (lb 5, w 2, nb 4)	11
Total (8 wkts dec)	422

S D Anurasiri did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-32, 3-82, 4-94, 5-243, 6-276, 7-335, 8-347.

BOWLING: Broadhurst 19-2-69-3, M A Robinson 25-5-71-2; Sidebottom 11-4-26-1; Houseman 21-4-52-1; Batty 33-7-146-1; Grayson 20-8-53-0.

Umpires: H D Bird (J W Holder) and A A Jones.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

Tetley Bitter Challenge

11.00, first day

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Sri Lankans.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Southend: Essex v Sussex; Bournemouth: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire; Leicester: Leicestershire v Yorkshire; Clevedon: Somerset v Warwickshire; Oxted: Surrey v Middlesex.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Bowey Tracey: Devon v Berkshire; Wellington: Shropshire v Dorset; Mildenhall: Suffolk v Hertfordshire.

GOLF

Holman proves he is more than a match for adversity

By JOHN HENNESSY

NEIL Holman is a distinctive figure on a golf course when the sun shines, as it did oppressively for the English amateur championship at Formby yesterday. He has to wear a sleeve on his right arm to protect an extensive skin graft from solar attack.

But just as the sleeve disguises one injury, incurred in a road accident in May last year, so the condition of his arm diverted attention from a much more serious injury as he lay in hospital.

It was six days later that the medical team diagnosed a broken neck. He had fractured verterbrae six and seven ("counting from the top") and chipped No. 5.

Seven weeks in a traction halo, followed by many more in a collar, ruined the season for him but, happily, he is able to play again, and well enough yesterday to beat John Bickerton, the holder of the Berkshire Trophy, in the first round of the championship. Three birdies in the first seven holes gave him a strong lead which Bickerton was never able to overcome.

Holman has lost some length in his game as a result of the accident but he was still able to reach the 518-yard 2nd with a two-iron and he followed that with an eight-iron to two feet at the 5th and a 25-yard putt at the 7th.

Bickerton got one back at the 9th, where he got up and down from off the green, as Holman could not, but returned the dubious compliment by missing the 11th green.

The five seeded players engaged yesterday all had easy passages, none more so than Ian Garbutt, the holder of the title, still only 19. He was five under par for the 13 holes he played against David Watson and dropped only one shot, at the 13th, where a half in five had them shaking hands.

The luckless Watson, also only 19, lost the ball at the first and then holes 3, 4 and 5 to birdies. He was three down at the turn, took three putts at the next and succumbed to yet another birdie at the 12th, where Garbutt hit a nine iron to eight feet.

Garbutt clearly revelled in biscuit-brown conditions much like those of Woodhall Spa last year when he overwhelmed Gary Evans by a score of 8 and 7.

Evans, seeking not only revenge but the matchplay championship to go along with the strokeplay title he won in May (in a tie with Mark Pullan), lost the first hole yesterday to Mark Smee, of Ganstead Park, and was still four up after six holes.

Smee recovered well to be only one down after 11, but Evans imposed his authority to win three holes in a row.

Golf club design, page 10

FIRST ROUND: P Sullivan (Wanstead) bt A Emery (Saffron Walden), 4 and 3; T Foster (Accrington) bt M Murray (Haysham), 4 and 3; I Garbutt (Wheatley) bt D Watson (Shortlands), 6 and 5; H Roblin (Warren) bt M Edwards (Caldy), at 19th; N Uttley (Nelson) bt M Ellison (Woolton), 3 and 1; S Williams (Glen Gorse) bt P McNally (St Annes Old), 5 and 4; G Nielsen (RAC) bt L Warwick (Rochford Hundred), 2 and 1; J Reid (Blackburn) bt J Barnes (Brokenhurst Manor), 2 and 1; N Swaffield (Stourbridge) bt S Warrilow (Stafford Castle), 5 and 4; C Watts (Hawkstone Park) bt J Olsen (Ferndown), 6 and 5; M Wiggett (Queens Park) bt P Woodham (Sutton Coldfield), 6 and 5.

P Carr (Sunningdale) bt S Skeldon (Brokenhurst Manor), 1 hole; M Dove (Broadway) bt P Binnington (Ganton), 4 and 3; G Boardman (Ashton-under-Lyne) bt M Thompson (Ferndown), 6 and 5; J Crampton (Spalding) bt R Edrich (Ramsey), 8 and 7; D Beech (Trentham) bt P Easto (Sundridge Park), 2 and 1; R Goldie (Ealing) bt D Morton (Harpenden), at 19th; R Coles (Maylands) bt C Turner (Moortown), 2 and 1; S Amor (Marlborough) bt I Veale (Newquay), 2 and 1; D White (Sutton Coldfield) bt G Pooley (Aldenham), 2 and 1; S Ursell (Dundee University) bt R Mugglestone (Sickleholme), 3 and 1; N Holman (Worlebury) bt J Bickerton (Droitwich), 4 and 3; P Streeter (Sleaford) bt T Moncur (Theydon Bois), 4 and 3.

C Tingey (Mid-Herts) bt M Deal (Enfield), 3 and 2; S Hoffman (Fulwell) bt P Robinson (Porters Park), 2 and 1; N Mitchell (Penrith) bt S Anand (Wentworth), 2 and 1; N Briggs (Stoke Poges) bt C Cieslelski (Hill Valley), 4 and 3; J Ambridge (West Herts) bt J Hall (Hillingdon), 7 and 6; L White (Wollaton Park) bt J Higginbotham (Bramhall), 5 and 4; T Ryder (Drayton Park) bt W Sargant (Braintree), 5 and 3; G Evans (Worthing) bt M Smee (Gainstead Park), 3 and 2; R Latham (Porters Park) bt A Edwards (Ulverstone), 4 and 3; R Thompson (Fairhaven) bt C Nowicki (Wilmslow), 5 and 4.

R Bennett (Abbeydale) bt C Jones (Ifield), at 20th; D Fisher (Stoke Poges) bt S Barwick (East Berkshire), at 19th; R Tuddenham (Barton-on-Sea) bt C Stokes (Sutton Coldfield), 4 and 3; J Harney (Chorlton-cum-Hardy) bt R Clifford (Fulwell), 2 and 1; D Ross (Stoke Rochford) bt S Folbigg (Bedford and County), 3 and 2; S Hughes (Bramhall) bt D Bicknell (Sundridge Park), 6 and 5. D Wood (Walton Heath) bt L Spencer (Runcorn), at 20th; D Lintott (Guildford) bt L James (Broadstone), 1 hole; R Hutt (Southport and Ainsdale) bt D Boxall (Addington Palace), 2 and 1; P Sherman (Ashford) bt C Schwer (Felixstowe Ferry), 3 and 2; R Parkhouse (West Malling) bt A White (Pleasington), 4 and 3; S Cage (Sand Moor) bt K Ratcliffe (Berkhamsted), 6 and 5; L Westwood (Worksop) bt R Kershaw (Halifax), 3 and 2; S Cox (Woodhall Spa) bt D Berridge (Enfield), 3 and 2; S Hoffman (Fulwell) bt P Robinson (Porters Park), 2 and 1; N Mitchell (Penrith) bt S Anand (Wentworth), 2 and 1; N Briggs (Stoke Poges) bt C Cieslelski (Hill Valley), 4 and 3; J Ambridge (West Herts) bt J Hall (Hillingdon), 7 and 6; L White (Wollaton Park) bt J Higginbotham (Bramhall), 5 and 4; T Ryder (Drayton Park) bt W Sargant (Braintree), 5 and 3; G Evans (Worthing) bt M Smee (Gainstead Park), 3 and 2; R Latham (Porters Park) bt A Edwards (Ulverstone), 4 and 3; R Thompson (Fairhaven) bt C Nowicki (Wilmslow), 5 and 4.

B Hughes (Childwall) bt D Ottaway (Nevill), 6 and 4; G Lord (Coventry Hearsall) bt T Davies (Upton by Chester), 3 and 1; R Walker (Wearside) bt M Heseall (Leigh), 3 and 2; R Willison (Ealing) bt P Bolton (Chorlton-cum-Hardy), 5 and 4; R Hodgkinson (Silkstone) bt T Trodd (Langley Park), 3 and 2; K Nicholson (West Lancs) bt A Morley (Belton Park), 2 and 1; P Randle (Enville) bt S Pullan (Sand Moor), 5 and 4; M Kingsley (Bramhew) bt G Clark (Pinner Hill), 3 and 1; J Maddock (Gorleston) bt G A Homewood (Ashford Manor), 1 hole; P Snowdan (Sand Moor) bt J Davies (Upton by Chester), 8 and 6.

(Hindhead), 2 and 1.

C Edwards (Bath) bt G Bradley (Bramhall), at 23rd; M Stanford (Saltford) bt S Edgley (Pakstone), at 20th; P Edwards (Coxmoor) bt R Tait (Matlock), 4 and 3; R McGuirk (Princes) bt C Goddard (Romford), 5 and 4; C Smethurst (Crewe) bt S Goode (Ealing), 2 and 1; W Hewlett (Royal Blackheath) bt S Atkinson (Darlington), 6 and 5; G Winter (Silloth-on-Solway) bt R Hurd (Sundridge Park), 5 and 4. W Bennett (Ruislip) bt P Trew (Newquay), 2 and 1; J Hodgson (Tytherington) bt S Jarman (Bedford and Co), 3 and 1; P Farmer (Wanstead) w/o A Dyer (West Sussex), scr; M Pullan (Sand Moor) bt D Delaney (Baildon), 6 and 4; J Peel (Southport and Ainsdale) w/o D Hastings (Old Fold Manor), scr.

Gloucestershire fall short in their first bowls final



Taking the hint: this shot edges closer to the jack as a Norfolk player urges it on

Norfolk enjoy third success

By DAVID RHYS JONES

ROYAL Leamington Spa provides an appropriately gracious setting for the English Women's Bowling Association's national championships, which opened as usual in Victoria Park yesterday with the final stages of the premier inter-county team event. On a fast, bone-dry surface and with the gusty wind making life difficult, Norfolk applied themselves better than Gloucestershire and captured the Johns Trophy for the third time.

Gloucestershire, making their first appearance in a final, led for the first two-and-a-half hours, but suffered a bad spell between the fifteenth and eighteenth ends, dropping 26 shots while scoring only four. Although they did marginally better than Norfolk over the last three ends, the damage was done, and Norfolk steered steadily to victory by twelve shots, 127-115.

Earlier, Norfolk had surprised Middlesex, taking an early lead and maintaining it throughout before qualifying for the final with a 24-shot advantage.

Jayne Roylance, who won two silver medals in the last world championships, skipped her rink to a 22-shot victory that provided the difference between the two sides. However, in a match which saw each side win on three rinks, Val Chapman, Lillian Smith and Roylance contrived to build up a bigger credit at the north end of the green than Mavis Steele, Audrey Philpot and Mary Atkinson could for Middlesex at the south end.

In the other semi-final, Gloucestershire led Lincolnshire 33-20 after five ends, but had fallen behind 85-99 after 15. A late surge brought them level, 107-107 after 18 ends, and took them into the final at 133-121.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Gloucestershire bt Lincolnshire 133-121. Rink scores: (Gloucestershire skips first): J Lee 19, M Watson 20; E Evans 23, P Strong 15; A Wildsmith 18, M Hewinson 27; W Slatter 25, J Adams 21; W Gabb 28, K Scaliffe 20; B Overton 24, G Haney 18. Norfolk bt Middlesex 131-107. Rink scores (Norfolk skips first): L Smith 22, G Williams 14; V Chapman 26, E Logan 13; J Roylance 34, M Horns 12; R Smith 18, M Steele 25; S Curtis 17, A Philpot 21; E Sebberton 14, M Atkinson 22. Final: Norfolk bt Gloucestershire 127-115. Rink scores (Norfolk skips first): Chapman 19, Lee 29; L Smith 23, Slatter 18; R Smith 14, Gabb 23; Roylance 23, Evans 14; Curtis 24, Wildsmith 15; Sebberton 24, Overton 16.

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Langer rises in Ryder Cup table

BERNHARD Langer moved up from ninth place to fourth in the Ryder Cup points table after his performance in the Dutch Open at Noordwijk at the weekend.

The German, who picked up £43,425 for joint second place, has collected £186,528 and will almost certainly win a place in the side to meet the United States in South Carolina in September. He has also climbed seven places to fifth in the Volvo European order of merit.

Per-Ulrich Johansson, of Sweden, who shared the second position with Langer at Noordwijk, is twelfth in the Ryder Cup list, three away from a place in the team.

VOLVO ORDER OF MERIT: Leading positions (GB and Ire unless stated): 1, B Ballesteros (Sp), £261,074; 2, G Perry (Aus), £240,007; 3, S Richardson £226,248; 4, I Woosnam, £213,071; 5, B Langer (Ger), £186,528; 6, E Romero (Arg), £177,522; 7, C Montgomerie, £175,015; 8, J M Olazabal (Sp), £174,633; 9, E Darcy £173,103; 10, V Singh (Fiji), £160,757; 11, S Torrance, £159,868; 12, D Feherty, £158,975; 13, N Faldo, £119,895; 14, A Forsbrand (Swe), £118,555; 15, P-U Johansson (Swe), £119,362; 16, T Johnstone (Zim), £111,775; 17, J Rivero (Sp), £105,051; 18, M McLean, £101,538; 19, D Gilford, £101,030; 20, P Stewart (US), £99,614.

☐ Anne Marie Magee is the only new cap in the eight-player Wales team for the four-cornered women's home international championship at Aberdovey from September 4 to 6.

Lisa Isherwood and Susan Turner are recalled.

WALES: L Darmott (Royal Liverpool); L Isherwood (Royal Porthcawl), H Lawson (Bull Bay), A M Magee (Holyhead), S Mountford (Tenby), A Perrian (Sarpsed), V Thomas (Pennard), S Turner (Bull Bay). Non-travelling reserves: B Jones (Denbigh), S Boyes (Wanvox Castle). Non-playing captain: S Webster (Wanvox Castle).

YACHTING

Lucas shows ability

WHILE British crews featured prominently at the pre-Olympic regatta in Barcelona yesterday, one to impress in particular was the Europe Class helmswoman, Anne Lucas, who was fourth after leading for part of the race (Roger Lean Vercoe writes).

Lucas, a Royal Navy lieutenant, chose to play the right-hand-side of the course on the first beat and was fourth at the first mark. While her relatively light weight, of just 56kg, was a handicap on Sunday, it proved a telling advantage on the downwind legs in yesterday's six to ten knots.

In the difficult shifty conditions, Lucas showed her ability in a close and exciting contest with Sylvia Cornu, of Switzerland, Natalie via Dufresne, of Spain, and the Italian, Arianna Bogatec.

Adding a second and a fourth place to her scoresheet yesterday, Penny Way, formerly so dominant on sailboards, now holds third place overall after six races. While she is still well placed to win, as the only British sailor to have been selected for the Olympic team, it is not paramount.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Britain's lead is narrowing

GREAT Britain are holding on to their lead in the medals table at the Courage Games at Stoke Mandeville by a narrowing margin, as the North American team gathers medals in the athletics.

James Richardson, from Newcastle, broke his own world record with every one of his six throws in the club event (tetraplegic). His fourth-round throw reached a distance of 21.70 metres, an improvement of almost four metres.

Jeannie Curson was beaten into second place in the F4 discus and javelin by the impressive Czechoslovak, Miroslava Behalova, who set records in both events. Britain's best female track racer, Tamy Grey, from Cardiff, who holds the national record at every distance from 100 to 1,500 metres, took a gold in the T3 100 metres with 20.21sec.

The early stages of the basketball competition brought some unexpected results, with the Great Britain women's team defeating a United States side for the first time, 23-21. The men's team also won their first two matches of the round robin, against Netherlands and Austria.

RESULTS: F4 discus women: 1, M Behalova (Cz), 15.98m (world record); 3, J Curson (GB). F5 discus: M Buggenhagen (Ger), 20.58m. F8 javelin: 1, M Saleva (Fin), 29.44m; 2, J Martin (Can); 3, A Astrada (US). F8 javelin: 1, M Angenuuci (Arg), 33.5m; 2, H Mirus (Arg); 3, F Doyle (Ire). F8 javelin women: 1, A Castro (Mex), 20.42 (world record); 2, Z Roubin, (br); 3, C Rodriguez (Mex). F4 javelin women: 1, Behalova, 13.12m (world record); 2, J Curson (GB); 3, J Zelman (Can). 1,500 metres Class T4 women: 1, C Hansen (Den) 14:09.5; 2, J Driscoll (US); 3, D Sodoma (US). 100 metres T3 Women: 1, T Grey (GB) 20.21sec; 2, C Bourgonje (Can); 3, T Goodnight (US). 100 metres T2 women: 1, K Pender (Can), 25.57sec; 2, J Waters (US); 3, L Torres (Mex). 100 metres T2 men: 1, J Worthington (US), 20.85sec; 2, A Beaudoin (Can); 3, P Carruthers (GB). T4 200m: 1, C Iasonst (Fr) 28.42sec (world record); 2, J Kleinheisenbrink (Neth); 3, I Thompson (GB).

CYCLING

Farrell takes up Star lead

MARK Gornall lost the lead he had held in the Star Trophy since March when he failed to gain points in the 125-mile tour of the Cotswolds on Sunday (Peter Bryan writes).

Steve Farrell, the race winner, scored the maximum 15 points to go clear on 64, with Paul Curran taking over second place on 53 and Gornall two points behind in third.

Farrell set an event record of 5hr 9min 36sec after he and Christophe le Barrs, of France, escaped from a leading group of 11, 40 miles from the finish.

POLO

Kent provides winner as Ellerston improve

By JOHN WATSON

THE quarter-finals of the contest for the five-chukka Harrison Cup, which opened at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday resulted in a 9-8½ win for Ellerston against Los Locos (received ½). The other quarter-final resulted in a 6-5½ victory for Design Technology against Panthers (received ½).

Pivoted on the Argentine seven-goaler, Arauco, and paying a first-class mutually supporting team game, Los Locos kept the half-goal handicap advantage with which they started the game, until the last 30 seconds of the last period.

Ellerston's performance was disappointing. They failed to back up and mark faithfully, and, owing to their tendency to cross, gave Arauco many penalty opportunities, but he made only three of those good. When Los Locos were leading 6½-3 at the beginning of the fourth chukka, Ellerston began to grow more effectivity together. Alan Kent, the Ellerston No. 3, put in the winning goal with a single lofted shot from a throw-in.

The second match was a more spirited and much more open affair. Play was inclined to be dominated by Designs' 10-handicap man, Pici Diaz Alberdi. And Panthers, the better balanced side, with Ian Gould as their centre man, did well to hold the opposition on equal terms throughout.

If they had not caused so many infringements, they would have won.

ELLERSTON: 1, A Archibald (2); 2, J Gilmore (5); 3, A Kent (7); Back, A Mackenzie Hill (2).
LOS LOCOS: 1, C Tomlinson (3); 2, R Williams (2); 3, M F Arauco (7); Back, S Tomlinson (3).
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY: 1, J Ingram (0); 2, D Copeland (2); 3, A Diaz Alberdi (10); Back, A Brodie (3).
PANTHERS: 1, W Roberts (3); 2, C Seavill (4); 3, I Gould (5); Back, M Franklin (2).

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IN BRIEF

Final cues up Russell

MIKE Russell, the defending champion, reached the final of the world professional billiards championship in Delhi, compiling his second championship break of more than 400 as he beat his fellow-Teessider, Peter Gilchrist, 1,907-1,021 in their semi-final yesterday.

In today's final, Russell will meet Robby Foldvari, of Australia, who eliminated Geet Sethi, of India, 946-899.

BOXING: Paul Charters, the Newcastle lightweight, is to challenge for Antonio Renzo's European title in Sicily on August 14.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Tony Myler has signed a new contract with Widnes, ending speculation that she would join Leeds.

ATHLETICS: Steve Cram and John Walker, of New Zealand, head entries for the Diet Coke Sydney Mile run downhill on October 18, organisers said yesterday.

CRICKET: Somerset have awarded Roland Lefebvre, the Dutch all-rounder, aged 28, his county cap.

SWIMMING: Kerry Shatlock, Britain's leading synchronised swimmer, will compete at the European championships in Athens in three weeks' time, a year after sustaining a spine injury that threatened her sports career. Robert Morgan leads Britain's hopes in the diving.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: St Louis Cardinals 3, Cincinnati Reds 2; Chicago Cubs 6, Atlanta Braves 2; San Diego Padres 3, New York Mets 0; Houston Astros 8, Pittsburgh Pirates 7; Montreal Expos 2, Los Angeles Dodgers 0; San Francisco Giants 2, Philadelphia Phillies 1.

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh Pirates	60	35	.632	–
New York Mets	54	43	.557	7
St Louis Cardinals	53	44	.546	8
Chicago Cubs	48	50	.490	13½
Montreal Expos	43	55	.439	18½
Philadelphia Phillies	40	58	.408	21½
West division				
Los Angeles Dodgers	55	41	.577	–
Atlanta Braves	49	46	.516	5
Cincinnati Reds	47	49	.490	8½
San Diego Padres	46	51	.465	9
San Francisco Giants	45	51	.474	10
Houston Astros	36	59	.379	18

AMERICAN LEAGUE: California Angels 8, New York Yankees 4; Oakland Athletics 4, Baltimore Orioles 2; Seattle Mariners 6, Cleveland Indians 5; Milwaukee Brewers 11, Minnesota Twins 2; Kansas City Royals 10, Toronto Blue Jays 4; Chicago White Sox 5, Boston Red Sox 2; Texas Rangers 10, Detroit Tigers 6.

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto Blue Jays	57	42	.576	–
Detroit Tigers	50	47	.515	6
New York Yankees	48	48	.495	8½
Boston Red Sox	46	51	.474	10
Milwaukee Brewers	42	56	.429	14½
Baltimore Orioles	38	59	.402	17
Cleveland Indians	36	63	.364	22½
West division				
Minnesota Twins	58	41	.586	–
Chicago White Sox	54	43	.557	3
Oakland Athletics	51	46	.526	6
Texas Rangers	47	50	.485	10
Seattle Mariners	42	52	.447	13½
California Angels	50	47	.515	7
Kansas City Royals	48	49	.495	9

BASKETBALL

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico: Winston World Cup: Final: Puerto Rico 93, US League 86. Third-place play-off: Brazil 91, Canada 88. Fifth-place play-off: Soviet Union 97, Club Pop '84 (Yug) 80. Seventh-place play-off: Mexico 90, Cuba 80.

GLIDING

UVALDE, Texas: World championships: Day one: Open (203km): 1, Kunnijenx (NZ), 127kph; 2, Benner (Aus) 126.8; 3, Kreutl (US), 126.2. Britain: 21st May 109.6 15-metre (468km): 1, Ghiozzo (It) 128.2; 2, Jurado, 127.4; 3, Gerstenbrink (Ger), 126.3. Britain: 17, Wills, 120.8; 28, Barton; 36, Wells.

FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Shamrock Rovers 0, Celtic 2; Alstone Town 1, Huddersfield 2; Skegness 0, Nottingham Forest 2; Derry City 2, Dunfermline 2.

TOUR MATCHES: Malmöjle (Swe) 0, Crystal Palace 4 (Wright 2, Colymore, Thompson); IK Sirius (Swe) 0, Liverpool 0;

POLISH I LEAGUE: Legia Warszawa 0, Hutnik Krakow 2; Zagleble Sosnowiec 0, LKS Lodz 1; Zawisza Bydgoszcz 0, Motor Lublin 0; Ruch Chorzow 1, GKS Katowice 1; Stal Stalowa Wola 1, Stal Mielec 1; Widzew Lodz 5, Pagrotsv Dabica 0; Olimpia Poznan 1, Slask Wroclaw 1; Miedz Legnica 3, Gornik Zabrze 3; Zagleble Lubin 2, Lech Poznan 4.

AFRICAN NATIONS' CUP: Group one: Cameroon 1, Guinea 0. Group three: Ivory Coast 2, Morocco 0. Group four: Benin 0, Ghana 0. Group five: Zambia 1, Angola 0. Group seven: Malawi 2, Zimbabwe 2. Group Eight: Gabon 0, Zaire 0; Tanzania 1, Uganda 1. Cameroon, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Morocco, Zambia and Zaire qualify for quarter-finals.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad: Olympic qualifying match: Trinidad and Tobago 2, El Salvador 0.

TENNIS

MONTREAL: Canadian Open: Final: A Chesnokov (USSR) bt Korda (Cz), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

PURCHASE, New York: Westchester Ladies Cup: Final: I Demongeot (Fr) bt L McNeil (US), 6-4, 6-4.

KITZBUEHEL: Austrian Open: T Buchmayer (Austria) bt F Roig (Sp), 6-4, 0-6, 6-2; O Delaitre (Fr) bt R Weese (Australia), 7-6, 6-1; G Mandl (Austria) bt A Chesnokov (USSR), 6-4, 6-4; C Pistolesi (It) bt J Hlasek (Sweden 6-1, 6-4; J Anderson (Aus) bt M Shelba (Cz), 4-6, 7-5, 6-0; R Gilbert (Fr) bt C Bacsanu (Ger), 4-6, 7-5, 6-0; D Polyakov (USSR) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

SNOOKER

BOXHILL: Forte Hotels women's world championship: Qualifying tournament: Preliminary round: J Poulter (Snodland) bt L Cast (Thundersley), 3-0; K Fisher (Portsfield) bt J Hanlon (Thanleston), 3-0; F Hood (Aus) bt M Bailey (Leigh) 3-0. First round: Poulter bt Fisher, 3-1; Hood bt G Jones (Colchester), 3-1. Second round: A Fisher (Hadlow) bt Poulter, 4-1; Hood bt L Gordon (Romford), 4-2. Third round: Fisher bt Hood 4-0.

SQUASH RACKETS

ADELAIDE: World Open championships: Final qualifying round (selected results, Eng unless stated): M Cairns bt D White (Aus), 15-2, 15-9, 15-8; S Sollaine (Aus) bt T Gerber, 11-15, 15-10, 15-9, 15-10; B Heddrell (Aus) bt C Kelin (Sco), 15-10, 15-9, 15-8.

GOLF

CANTON, Massachusetts: Women's tournament: Final leading scores (US unless stated): 1, P Meheffey (PCA), 70, 72, 68, 67, 277; 2, C Kaggi, 70, 69, 69, 69, 278; M Mallon, 71, 69, 69, 69; K Cockerill, 70, 68, 69, 71, 278; B Burton, 71, 68, 68, 71, 281; D Richard, 67, 70, 74, 70; P Bradley, 69, 70, 71, 72; N Scranton, 69, 69, 72, 71; L Wadkins, 71, 70, 71, 69; J Mitchell, 71, 70, 69, 71; J Edge, 68, 67, 73, 73. British scores: 288: C Pierce (GB), 74, 69, 72, 73. 290: K Dawes, 76, 69, 71, 75. 294: S Maynor, 72, 74, 74, 74.

WORTHSEE, Munich: Lufthansa German Women's Open (GB and Ire unless stated): Leading finals: 1, P Dascenzo (Swi), 69, 71, 71, 64, 275; L Neumann (Swe), 70, 71, 68, 66, 276; A Okamoto (Japan), 67, 74, 70, 65, M Lunn (Aus), 70, 68, 70, 70, 277; K Leadbetter (US), 70, 71, 65, 71, 277; R Peat, 69, 68, 72, 68, 277; L Johnson, 68, 70, 68, 70, 276; L Martz (SA), 69, 69, 73, 66; M-L de Lorenzi (Fr), 69, 75, 69, 68. Other British: 280: K Douglas, 71, 70, 68, 73. 282: S Strudwick, 73, 70, 71, 68. 283: D Barnard, 72, 70, 72, 69.

CROMWELL, Connecticut: Greater Hartford Open: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 271: B R Brown, 67, 72, 65, 67; R Fehr, 68, 67, 68, 70; C Pavin, 65, 67, 70, 69 (Stoner won at 1st hole of sudden-death play-off). 272: L Roberts, 68, 69, 66, 69; W Andrade, 72, 66, 66, 68; J G Slaughter, 66, 65, 70, 66. 273: M Riley, 71, 69, 68, 65; D Pohl, 70, 69, 67, 67; L Pinter, 71, 69, 66, 70. 274: K Green, 67, 69, 71, 67; D Barr, 67, 69, 71, 67; D Forsman, 67, 67, 71, 69; K Perry, 67, 67, 70, 70.

OAKLAND HILLS: US Senior Open: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 282: J Nicklaus, 72, 69, 70, 71; C Rodriguez, 73, 69, 70, 71. 283: A Gallberger, 71, 70, 72, 70. 284: L Trevino 70, 72, 69, 74; J Dunn, 73, 72, 72, 67. 285: D Sikma, 72, 69, 72, 72; C Coody, 76, 68, 69, 71. 287: G Player (SA), 74, 72, 70, 71; R Charles (NZ), 72, 70, 73, 72. M Hill, 69, 74, 71, 74. Other: 304: D Dabbs (GB), 79, 77, 73, 91.

SQUASH RESULTS

FOOTBALL: Pre-season matches (7.30 unless stated): Arsenal v Celtic (Paul Davis Testimonial, 7.45); St Johnstone v Valladolid; Basingstoke v Luton.

BOWLS: English women's double rink county championships (Leamington Spa).

CYCLING: National track championships (Leicester).

GOLF: English amateur championship (Formby); Scottish amateur championship (Downfield); South of Ireland amateur championship (Lahinch); English women's amateur strokeplay championship (Ganton); Welsh Victory Shield foursomes and amateur championship (Ashburnham).

POLO: Holden White Challenge Cup; Harrison Cup; Cowdray Park Challenge Cup (all Cowdray Park).

SPEEDWAY: Sunbrite League: (7.30 start): Milton Keynes v Newcastle. BSPA Cup: Poole v Cradley Heath.

YACHTING: Admiral's Cup (Solent); Fireball nationals (Torquay); National 12 Burton week (Paignton).

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CYCLING

LEICESTER: BCF national championships: Professional sprint (200m qualifying time trial): 1, P McHugh (PCA), 11.058sec; 2, J Waldhew (AMS-Dean Pacific), 11.722; 3, Glen Coltman (MY Cycles-Angle), 11.727; 4, Gary Coltman (Raleigh), 11.788; 5, R Williams (Butler-Webber), 11.848. Junior sprint (200m qualifying time trial): 1, R Wright (VC Lincoln), 11.527sec; 2, P Jennings (VC St Raphael), 11.577; 3, S Freedman (CC Abergavenny), 11.718; 4 C Hilston (Unity CC), 11.859; 5, L Povey (Regent CC), 11.869.

ROAD RACES: Tour of the Cotswolds: (125 miles): 1, S Farrell (Tunstall Wh), 5:09.36; 2, C Le Barrs (Fr), at 8sec; 3, M McKay (CC Luton), at 1:20. Team: France, Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers 10th: 1, G Langford (Yeovil), 3:43:21; 2, C Brooks (Polytechnic), 3:46:16; 3, L Pecton (Salisbury), 3:57:29. Team: Antelope RT 12:17:48, Nottingham Clarion 100: 1, N Porteus (Milton Olympic CC), 4:03:04; 2, T Chapman (Peterborough CC), 4:11:48; 3, S Smith (Coalville Wh), 4:14:35. Team: Coalville Wh, 13:27:41. Yorks LCA open 25: 1, L Holmes (Leeds St Christophers CC), 52:02; 2, M Grantham (Knaresborough CC), 54:16; 3, S Vaughan (Morley CC), 55:01. Team: Scarborough Pensgon 2:48:47. Women: E Ward (Scarborough Paragon), 58:47. Team: City RC, Hull (2 riders), 2:59:34.

TIME TRIALS: RTTC national 24hr championship (Ferndon, Cheshire): 1, M Potts (Derby Mercury RC), 478 miles; 2, P Barlow (Kiveton Park CC), 476; 3, P Oxborough (St Ives CC), 453. Team: Derby Mercury RC. Tandems: R Goodfellow (N Lancs RC) and P Goodfellow (Sheffield Univ CC), 510.8 miles (British record).

HOCKEY

KUALA LUMPUR: International tournament: Pakistan 5, Soviet Union 4.

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BARCELONA: World championships: Medal winners: Men: Bantamweight (U-60k

Gower vital to England's Test hopes at the Oval

Long-term must go on hold for last-ditch effort

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

GOING into a match they must win against West Indies, England should forgive two gifted non-conformists for their parts in the defeat in Australia last winter. If England are to succeed in the final Test next week, and level the series, then the talents of David Gower and Phillip Tufnell must outweigh all other considerations.

For many years, and despite much outside pressure, West Indies have clung voraciously to the theory of never changing a winning team. This summer, England's selectors have pursued a similar philosophy and are not changing a losing side, either.

Their logic, preached by both the captain and the team manager, is unarguable. Gratuitous changes destroy continuity and undermine confidence. It must also be said that, even in defeats at Trent Bridge and, especially, at Edgbaston, this has not been the meekly acquiescent England of other recent series against this opposition.

There occasionally comes a time, however, when the principles of the long-term should be temporarily sacrificed to the demands of the moment and when to be dogmatic is, in fact, to be defeatist. Such a time confronts the selectors now for the Oval Test. No theories of damage-limitation are remotely worthy. A team must be chosen for one match and, if it has to be dismantled thereafter, so be it.

The Edgbaston Test ended in a mood close to euphoria, even for the losers. England, not for the first time in this series, showed on Sunday that they have developed, or had instilled in them by Gooch, qualities of resilience which were not evident in Australia last winter. From a hopeless position, they gave an ailing match an epic finale.

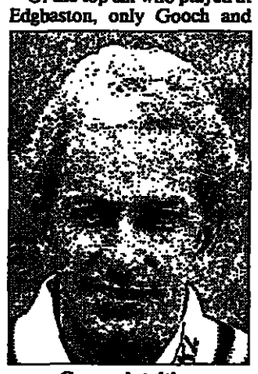
Had they won, as was a genuine possibility either side of tea, there would have been great temptation to loyally name the same eleven for tTe Oval. It would still have been wrong. It would be a dereliction of duty now that the score stands at 1-2 with one to play.

The Oval presents conditions every bit as singular as those at Edgbaston, but in most ways dissimilar. England must prepare for a pitch of more even bounce but much faster, likely to give some encouragement to the fastest bowlers, eventually to turn and constantly to suit the shot-playing batsmen.

If three characters are needed, then, they are a bowler of genuine speed, a spin bowler who actually turns the ball and a batsman to score quickly enough to put West Indies under pressure.

Taking the last problem first, the return of Robin Smith is desirable but by no means definite. He admits to apprehension about the damage he could sustain from yet another blow on his injured finger and whether he, or anyone in authority, should take that risk is debatable. What is undeniable is that England have seldom, if ever, needed him more urgently.

Of the top six who played at Edgbaston, only Gooch and Ramprakash can be certain to keep their places but the moment for omitting Lamb may have passed. His experience and style fit the bill for the Oval, if not his form.



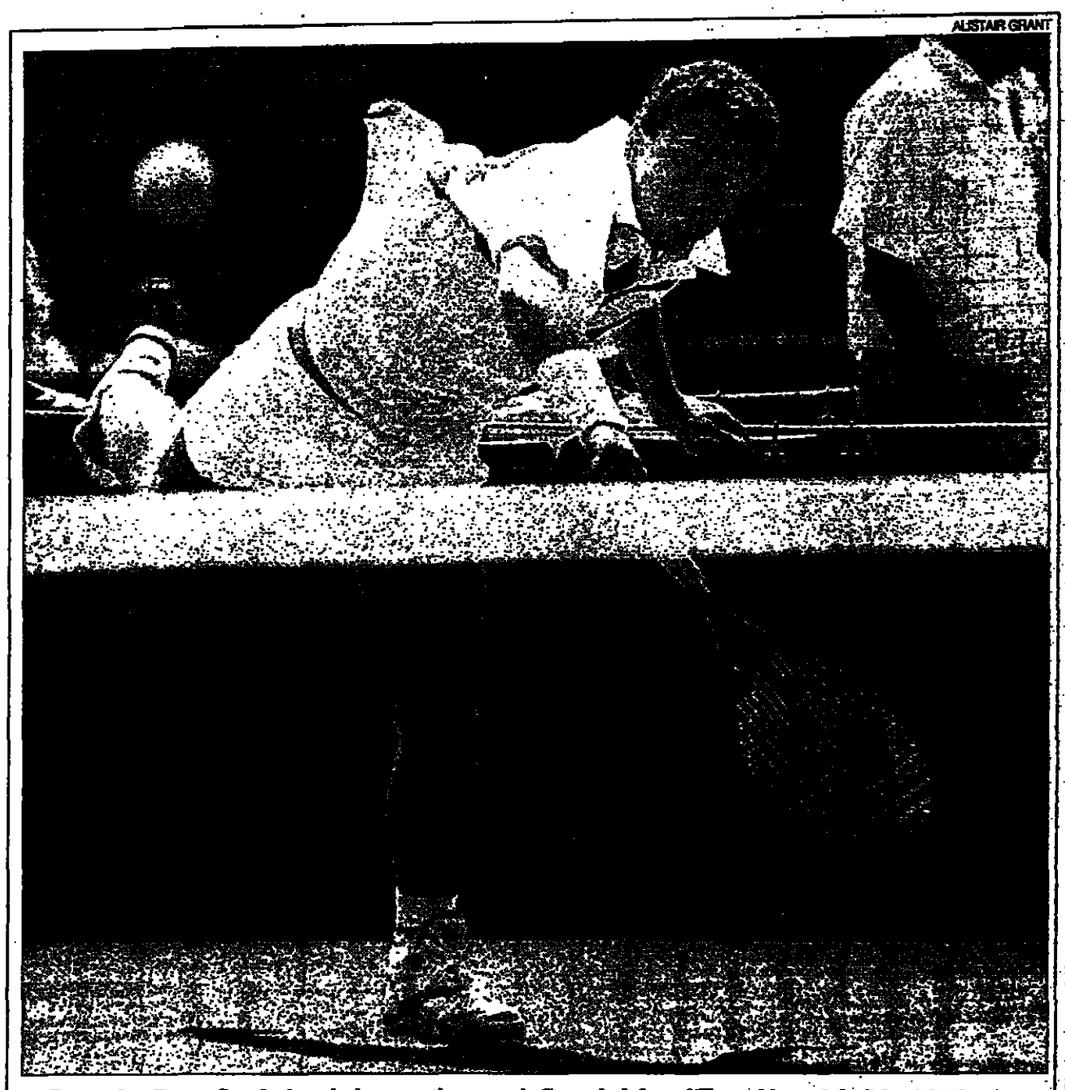
Gower: intuitive

Hick batted capably for two-and-a-half hours in the first innings without reaching 20. In the second, he played the inept stroke of one whose self-belief has vanished. He is not the man for this game but he should be dispatched with the promise of a rapid return. The same might be said of Atherton, although he was unlucky in the first innings. Either he or Morris, another to receive a dubious leg-before decision, must stay to go in first with Gooch.

The captain will not want to make more than one batting change (two if Smith returns) and he may still be reluctant to offer the vacancy to Gower, because he justifiably questions his motivation and his future. On this occasion, though, the future is irrelevant and Gower, whose intuitive batting has always been favoured by the Oval, makes more sense than a younger man with more to lose.

There will be those making similar claims for Botham and his presence would certainly be seen as the arrival of the cavalry. With Gooch sure to want six specialist batsmen, however, it is difficult to accommodate him ahead of Pringle and Lewis, who both performed so heroically in Birmingham.

Lawrence or Malcolm must play, and there is a case for both. As for the spin bowler, a must for a game more likely than the last to go the distance, this is surely the time to bring Tufnell out of the detention room, where he has been confined since his Australian misdemeanours and, in a match which must be won, give him the chance to show he is a match-winning bowler.



ALISTAIR GRANT

Power play: Danny Sapsford sends down another serve in Surrey's defeat of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

Surrey serve customary notice

By ALEX RAMSAY

SURREY'S tennis teams began their defence of the county championship with easy wins yesterday, the men against the ranks of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and the women against Middlesex.

Surrey have dominated the tournament in the men's and women's events over the last few seasons and, judging by their performance at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, this year is no exception.

Surrey, fielding a strong line-up including Danny Sapsford, Jeffrey Hunter and Jonathan Haycock, soon secured a 5-0 lead in the best-of-nine rubber match. Only Neale Pashley and Richard Stoakes looked to be struggling as they dropped sets in their ties with Bray and Matthews and Lobb and McCue.

The best match of the day came from Yorkshire, last year's runners-up, and newly-promoted Essex. The two No. 1 pairings of Steven Heron and Garry Henderson, for Yorkshire, and Steven Botfield and Toby Curtis were locked in a see-saw encounter for three hours and five minutes. By the third set, neither side could take control and as the serving became heavier it was not until match point that anyone could convert a break point as the Essex duo edged to victory 6-3, 4-6, 18-16.

After that marathon, Heron and Henderson found the energy to beat Alex Rouse and David Felgate 6-4, 7-6 to put Yorkshire back into contention. Danny Bishop and Simon Ickringill found revenge sweet as they defeated Botfield and Curtis in another epic struggle. After saving three match points they won 6-3, 5-7, 11-9.

Kent, who last won in 1987, despatched Lancashire by tea, having established a 5-2 lead. Three straight-sets wins by Colin Beecher and Robert Antoun set them on their way, with Peter Hannan and Lee Phillips struggling.

In the women's section, Surrey, champions for the last six years, raced to a 6-0 lead over Middlesex without dropping a set. Only when the match was safe did Jane Langstaff and Michelle Oldham concede the first set to Samantha Armitage and Sally Freeman, before going on to win 5-7, 6-3, 6-2. The Middlesex resistance was not enough to prevent the whitewash as Karen Hunter and Claire Pollard rounded off the 9-0 victory.

SA may change vote on Tokyo

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THE South African Amateur Athletic Association (SAAAA) may reverse its vote against sending a team to compete in the world athletics championships in Tokyo next month, according to Henry Cloete, the head of the group which has the power to tip the balance.

Cloete is the president of the SA Amateur Athletic Congress, which has one-third of the representation on the SAAAA. The Congress's stance has long been regarded as decisive.

At the weekend, SAAAC voted with the SA Amateur Athletic Board against going to Tokyo. But Cloete said yesterday that agreement between Congress and the SA Amateur Athletic Union officials (who voted to accept the invitation to compete) on a "unified structure" within the SAAAA could force another vote: then he and his colleagues may vote the other way.

"We have got to come to some kind of compromise for the sake of the athletes," Cloete said. The withdrawal from the National Olympic Committee of South Africa of the South African Council on Sport may precipitate the Board's withdrawal from the SAAAA.

Yet again the IAAF exerted pressure yesterday by issuing a statement that it wished for "a positive response . . . and responsibility towards the young athletes of South Africa". Primo Nebiolo, the president, has stated that rejection of the invitation may mean South Africa not being welcomed back as a member of the IAAF in time for the 1992 Olympic Games.

Cloete said that this was the most influential reason why the SAAAA had to settle its differences. A report yesterday that South African athletes were preparing to "go it alone" was dismissed by the national women's team captain, Myrtle Bothma.

Fanie Van Zijl, the former South African record holder for the mile, was reported to have said that a body would soon be formed which would "have the ear" of the International Olympic Committee and the IAAF. "I tell you, we will soon be going to Tokyo," Van Zijl was reported to say.

The same report said that Bothma would be meeting with athletes yesterday to discuss developments, but she denied all knowledge. "As for a rebel tour, we are not interested," she said. "Seeing as the IAAF has allowed us back in, we are asking them to help us. We do not want to make the situation worse."

Review urged for county game

SUSSEX are urging the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) to investigate the structure of the county game. Gloucestershire, Nottinghamshire and Northamptonshire will back their call when it goes to the TCCB's meeting next month.

Nigel Bett, the Sussex chief executive, said yesterday that the proposal — which seeks an extension of the four-day championship schedule, a fresh look at the knock-out competitions and a review of the game's financial structure — would get strong support.

"We are in favour of four-day championship matches, but the structure of the Benson and Hedges Cup needs a close examination," Bett said. "I think everyone is agreed we play too much cricket.

"There is a feeling in Sussex and elsewhere that a number of people at the TCCB are out of touch and have little or no comprehension of the problems in running non-Test match counties.

"We are not proposing anything exceptional. Spectators are getting bored with the present format and the whole set-up needs to be looked at. We are talking about survival. The recession is going to prove incredibly difficult for cricket next year."

The Sussex proposals include, an extensive report into: a restructuring of domestic cricket, a championship programme of 17 four-day matches and ways of compensating counties who do not stage Test matches.

Bett claimed that a gap was growing between the rich and poorer clubs.

Arsenal facing test of European ambitions

GEORGE Graham, the manager of Arsenal, believes his side's European ambitions will be given a severe test this week. Arsenal play Celtic in a testimonial match for their midfield player, Paul Davis, tonight and at the weekend take part in the four-team Makita tournament at Highbury alongside Panathinaikos, the Greek champions, West Ham United and Sampdoria, the Italian champions.

Anticipating matches against both continental teams in the Makita event, Graham said: "The games against Sampdoria and Panathinaikos will be the ones on which our European ambitions will be judged. After all, we may have to play either one in the later stages of the European Cup competition and so it will be a big test for us.

"They are European giants but I won't be changing Arsenal's style of play for those two games. We have the players who can do the business and they know they will be playing for their places for the rest of the season."

Graham also considers Celtic a formidable test for Arsenal. For Paul Davis, who has been with Arsenal for 14 years, it will also be a lucrative encounter, with a crowd of more than 30,000 expected.

"I am delighted," Davis, aged 29, said. "They were my first choice."

☐ Ron Atkinson, the Aston Villa manager, is expected to complete the signings of Kevin Richardson and Steve Staunton this week as he continues rebuilding the Midlands club's squad in time for the start of the season next month (Dennis Shaw writes).



Graham: will not change

The signings of Richardson from the Spanish club, Real Sociedad, and Staunton, from Liverpool, will bring to seven the number of new faces brought to Villa Park this summer.

Richardson will undergo a medical today before completing the formalities of a £450,000 deal, while Staunton has agreed in principle to a £1.5 million transfer.

A possible eighth signing, bringing Dariusz Kubicki, the Polish international defender, to Villa Park from Legia Warsaw remains unresolved, while it emerged yesterday Atkinson has also inquired about the availablity of Paul Stewart, the Tottenham Hotspur forward, for whom Blackburn Rovers have made a £2 million offer. Atkinson is likely to consider negotiating for a lower figure.

☐ Brian Stein has rejoined Luton Town on a one-year contract after two seasons with the French club, Caen.

Tour may start in London in 1993

By PETER BRYAN

BRITAIN could again be on the Tour de France route by the mid-1990s, or even earlier, in 1993, following a week of discussion during this year's event between the race organiser, Jean-Marie Leblanc, and Alan Rushton, the managing director of Sport for Television and organiser of the Kelloggs Tour of Britain and other leading professional races in this country.

On Sunday, at the finish of this year's Tour in Paris, Leblanc suggested that the possibility of the race starting in London in 1993 — when the opening of the channel tunnel would allow for the smooth transport of riders and vehicles — should be considered.

The Tour de France has visited Britain only once, in 1974, when the second stage of the three-week race was held on an uninteresting circuit outside Plymouth and was won by Henk Poppe, of The Netherlands, with a British rider, Barry Hoban, finishing ninth.

Yesterday, Rushton said his company had been discussing proposals for a return of the Tour since 1988, including a start at Westminster. Economics and the massive disruption likely to be caused had, at the time, ruled it out.

"The pattern of the Tour now is such that for Britain to host the start, it would mean the race being here for a minimum of three days," he said. "There would be a day for the introduction of the riders, the prologue time trial and then a further day for two half-stages."

Rushton believes it would be more attractive to concentrate on having one stage of the race in Britain. In France, the cost to stage a finish is from £60,000.

"To achieve a stage of the tour here in 1993, planning would have to be well advanced by now," he said. "We are anxious to see the race in Britain again and are hopeful that it will be a reality in the mid-1990s."

The Tour has started outside France on only ten occasions since the first race in 1903. Next year, however, the start of the race is scheduled to be held in northern Spain.

Christie still eager to run Tokyo relay

LINFORD Christie yesterday responded to being dropped from Britain's 4 x 100 metres relay team to race in Zurich next month by insisting that he still wanted to be a part of the squad in the world championships in Tokyo.

Christie was dropped from the quartet after he had missed a squad training session at Loughborough on Sunday. "I can run the second, third or final leg better than any other man," Christie said, adding reassuringly for Britain's prospects of a world championship medal, "I'm still available in the Tokyo camp for relay training."

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Mansell has credentials for grand prix glory

Can Nigel Mansell win the Formula One world drivers' championship? *Norman Howell* looks at the fine line that separates success and failure

NOW Nigel Mansell has, with his third successive grand prix victory at Hockenheim on Sunday, narrowed the gap on Ayrton Senna — the leader in the Formula One world drivers' championship — to only eight points, the question is can the Englishman take the title this time?

Also, can Williams-Renault, after four wins in a row and five consecutive pole positions, beat McLaren-Honda to the constructors' championship?

The point that has to be made, evident as it may be, is that winning the constructors' and drivers' championships is not just a question of having a fast driver or a good car.

Everything must be working in unison, like an orchestra. Being in tune means that not only the main components — engine, chassis, tyres, fuel and driver — must be operating in perfect harmony but that also every single mechanic, support truck, telemetry system and digital read-out must also work within a fluidly run organisation. It is not easy.

Ron Dennis, the owner of McLaren, has always said that winning the occasional race is, of course, hard but can be done. It is a different proposition to be consistently the best. His team have for so long been just that, never dropping below second place in the constructors' championship and winning it five times.

It takes so little for it to go wrong but, nevertheless, Senna's two mishaps in a row with a defective fuel read-out is an extraordinary way for a team like McLaren to lose points. But that is how tough and how close Formula One has become at the top.

Now, Williams seem to have inherited the McLaren mantle of perfection, the control of the totality of the "package" which is enabling Mansell to do the wondrous things he is doing. But the question still has to be answered. Can he do it? Can he wrest the driver's title from Senna?

Champions and championship teams do not just fade away yet a look at some of the individual components of the package would suggest, now at least, that Williams seem to have an edge on their rivals.

Starting with the engine, it does seem as if Honda might have been wiser to stick with a V10 configuration. It is lighter, is less thirsty and Renault, which runs a V10 in the Williams, is able to produce a higher straight line speed than the V12.

There is no doubt, too, that Williams have a design team of impressive credentials — led by Patrick Head, one of the partners in the Williams team, and Adrian Newey, who has developed so much under Head.

Since the departures of John Barnard, the design "guru", and Steve Nichols, now at Ferrari, it has been felt by many that the McLaren success was largely due to the powerful Honda engine and the ability of Senna — both factors masking a chassis that was fast getting old. Now the engine is not quite up to its expectations and the chassis has not significantly improved, according to what the drivers say, it appears driver power alone cannot work miracles.

The four drivers in both teams are very good but Gerhard Berger has suffered for most of this season from the presence of Senna, a powerful personality. In contrast, and against all odds, Mansell and Riccardo Patrese have obviously found a way of operating that is beneficial to both and the team. Maybe it is only an armed truce but they are working in harmony.

It takes a lot to win a championship and much has nothing to do with how fast a car can be driven round frightening circuits like Silverstone, Spa or Hockenheim. Let us hope the Williams package stays tightly wrapped until the end of the season.

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